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## STRAINED RELATIONS.

CANTON AND NANKING GOVERNMENT.

### CHIANG'S ATTITUDE.

Said To Be Against Present Regime in South.

### BIG DEVELOPMENTS IN HUNAN AND KIANGSI PROVINCES.

That relations between the Canton Government and the Nationalist Government of Nanking are becoming more strained is evident from a message which proves Chiang Kai-shek to be against the present regime in the South.

Developments in Hunan and Kiangsi provinces have occurred, which may have bearing on Canton progress in the near future. The south of Kiangsi is believed to be in danger and fighting in the centre of Hunan is mentioned.

The Nanking administration does not seem to be working smoothly if reports of financial stringency be true.

### YANGTZE TROUBLES.

Which way the wind is blowing in the atmosphere of Nationalist politics is evident from a Chinese cable reporting the appointment by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of two new Generals to command of the 46th and 47th Armies, respectively. Fang Ting-ying, who suddenly turned against General Li Chai-sum and the Canton Government a few weeks ago, and incidentally left Kwangtung with his following of troops, is one of those appointed. It is apparent that Chiang Kai-shek is trying to rally around him those unfavourable to Canton, thereby further widening the breach.

### HALF WAY DOWN.

Hankow Nationalists Going Southward.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Japanese reports state that the Nationalist armies of Wu-Han defeated the Hunanese army at Pinghsiang on Jan. 23, forcing back General Ho Chien and Liu Hsiang (of Hunan) towards Changteh.

The 6th and 13th Nationalist armies are expected to enter Changsha to-day.—Reuter.

[Note: Changsha is a port on the Siang River, a tributary of the Yangtze. As the crow flies, it is just about half of the 500 miles between the northern boundary of Canton's domains and Hankow. Changsha was the first important capture for Chiang Kai-shek when he first set out to conquer the North. Now the Nationalists are fighting back in the southward direction, with a Hunanese army opposing them.]

### KIANGSI TROUBLE?

Nationalist General Back to Investigate.

Trouble in the south of Kiangsi province, near the boundary with the Canton Government's domains, is hinted in an overnight

### HIGH TARIFFS.

PROTEST BY ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR.

Havana, Yesterday. Mr. Honorio Pueyrredon, Argentine Ambassador in Washington and head of the Argentine delegation to the Pan-American Conference, has announced that the delegation will not sign any convention for the reorganisation of the Pan-American Union which does not provide for the study of ways and means of reducing, if not abolishing, the high tariffs between American commerce.

Mexico has allied herself with the Argentine proposals.—Reuter's American Service.

### CHILEAN OIL.

CONCESSIONS ASKED TO BE SUSPENDED.

New York, Yesterday. A report from Santiago de Chile says that the Minister of Finance has asked Congress to enact a law suspending all petroleum concessions in Chile. A deputy has drafted a bill providing that the Chilean Government should study the best means of making the oil deposits in Chile available for purely Chilean interests.—Reuter's American Service.

## BURNS' MEMORY.

Honoured By Local Scots.

### LAST NIGHT'S DINNER.

Impressive Address By "Grand Old Man" Of Scottish Community.

Who says that Robbie Burns is dead? Deil blast the loons, but they hae lee'd—for Robin's here!

Last night, in spirit, he was very much here. Local Scots, perhaps with the assistance of friends of other nations who were present, seemed to put life into the picture of the Poet which hung in the big hall at Volunteer Headquarters.

The occasion was the annual Burns' Night Dinner, arranged by the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, and the function was full of all the ceremony and heartfelt enthusiasm for a man of genius and a British Scot that characterises the eve of every twenty-fifth of January.

There was a memorable address by Mr. R. G. Shewan, "the Grand Old Man of our Scottish Community" as the Rev. Kirk Macdonald called him; there was a very humorous and characteristic toast on behalf of the lassies by Wullie Kay; there was an equally humorous reply by Professor Simpson; there were a number of stories told by the Pastor of Union Church, and there were numerous pleasing musical interludes. Altogether Burns' Night was fittingly celebrated.

Good fellowship determined the subject-matter should gang, and, to paraphrase the Poet, it turned out more of a sang than a sermon.

The Loyal Toast was given by Mr. D. Templeton, President of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, who presided at the dinner, and a splendid meal, provided by the Hong Kong Hotel, followed.

The haggis was brought in according to custom, Mr. A. McLeod bearing the steaming dish, Piper Nesbitt of the Volunteers supplying appropriate music and Mr. B. Wylie holding aloft the Barley Bree. Every man at the President's table took his sup and kissed the quail 'midst the applause of the company.

### The Bill O' Fare.

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Ayrshire Roast Beef  
Cotlar's Greens and Potatoes  
Greencock Dumplings  
Edinburgh Dessert  
Coffee  
The Barley Bree  
Wi merry sangs an' friendly cracks,  
I wat we will na weary.  
Prior to the commencement of the repast, Grace was said by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

### MR. R. G. SHEWAN.

Toast To Immortal Memory.

Chieftain and Gentlemen, We are met to-night to celebrate the birthday of a great man whom we are proud to claim as our countryman, a man who had misfortunes great and small, but aye a heart abune them all. As the spae wife on that 25th January, 1759, foretold, in very plain language, he certainly had a weakness for the lassies, but he was not the only one and he points out himself that the wisest man the world ever saw shared that weakness with him; so in face of that we humbler mortals must keep silence and leave these greater men to their bonnie fortunes or misfortunes with the other sex.

With men or women our hero's heart always ruled his head, and he'll be knew it. For while he gives excellent advice to a young friend, he ends up by hoping that he may better rock the rede than ever did the adviser.

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### MASONIC SERVICE.

The third annual service of the District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong and South China, S.C., will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday next at 6 p.m.

## CANTON OFFICIALS.

One Able To Secure Release.

### EXTRADITION HITCH.

Sum Of \$1,343,794 Concerned In Embezzlement Case.

Wong Chong-chi and Chiu Pok-shan, the two Canton officials, against whom extradition proceedings are being instituted on eleven counts of alleged embezzlement between December 27 and 28, 1927 of \$1,343,794, the property of the Central Bank of Canton, of which they were officials, were again before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton) appeared for the Crown, whilst the alleged fugitives were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. M. K. Lo).

At the opening of the proceedings, Mr. Sheldon told his Worship that the Crown was not going to

### "SOME RAIN."

North-east winds, moderate, generally cloudy, some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

proceed against the second man (Chiu), as they were satisfied that he is not a national of China. Chiu was accordingly discharged by his Worship.

Dealing with the case against Wong, Mr. Sheldon said in reply to his Worship that the extradition requisition from Canton had not yet arrived, but with his Worship's consent and that of Counsel for the fugitive, he proposed to open the case pending the arrival of the requisition. He said that there was nothing to suggest that the procedure was irregular in law. However, he would open his case only on the understanding that the fugitive's Counsel would not take exception afterwards with regard to irregular procedure.

A telegram, Mr. Sheldon added, had been received from the British Consul-General in Canton to the effect that the extradition warrant may be expected to be in the hands of the Hong Kong Government by to-morrow.

Discharge Asked For.

Mr. Potter submitted that if ever there was a case which came under section 8 of the Extradition Ordinance, the case before the Court was it. He suggested that in the absence of the requisition, his Worship should use his discretion and discharge the fugitive, who was arrested on January 5 for an ordinary offence committed in the Colony, but it was obvious that his arrest was made at the suggestion of Canton. Obviously Canton was in the possession of sufficient information on January 5 to communicate with the local police and put the law in motion down here, and yet there is no explanation offered for the delay in sending down the requisition.

Counsel suggested that it was for his Worship to bring it home to Canton that if they would not act expeditiously, the Court would not wait for them. Mr. Potter inquired if there was any ground for his Worship not to discharge the fugitive. He pointed out that if the fugitive was discharged the prosecution have their own remedy by re-arresting him after the arrival of the requisition. It was not an easy matter for anyone to get out of the Colony in the short space of 24 hours.

Time Not Long.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out that the crime was alleged to have been committed on December 28. To-day was only January 26, so that less than a month had elapsed. Besides, extradition proceedings were started less than a fortnight ago, and in view of the fact that the requisition documents had to go through diplomatic channels, the time which had elapsed was not unduly long. In fact, he asked his Worship if he knew of an extradition case in which the Crown had been ready to start in less than 14 days.

In reply, Mr. Potter put the question to his Worship in the converse way, and asked Mr. Lindsell if he had ever known a case where the prosecution had been so long in presenting the facts of the case.

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## MONEY LENDING.

Question of Public Servants.

### HOW FAR PROTECTED?

Interesting Argument In Summary Court This Morning.

A moneylending case before Mr. Justice Wood, Police Judge, in the Summary Court this morning occasioned considerable argument between his Lordship and Mr. Horace Lo, who appeared for the plaintiff, an Indian named Kantar Singh, a watchman employed at Watson's Dispensary, Kowloon.

Defendant was Mr. T. J. Falla, a warder of the Prison Department.

The Indian claimed the sum of \$877.80, allegedly due on three promissory notes signed by Falla. Interest, according to plaintiff, was at the rate of two per cent. per month. Two of the notes were signed on November 10, 1926 and the other on April 1, 1927. Plaintiff said he was a registered moneylender and that his address was 44, Nathan Road.

Mr. Falla, in the witness box, said he was a prison warder, and in reply to his Lordship said that at the time he signed the first two notes his salary was about \$210 per month. When he signed the third note he was getting about \$220. In addition he received free quarters, light fuel and uniform. There were no other allowances. He had no desire, he said, to raise the Public Servants' Liability Ordinance as a defence and did not wish to dispute the liability in any way.

Question of Protection.

His Lordship then asked Mr. Lo to show whether defendant was not protected by the Ordinance in question.

Mr. Lo said his contention was that defendant was not entitled to be protected by the Ordinance. His Lordship: I have asked you to do it.

Mr. Lo: If defendant had had counsel it would be for me to reply to this point if it was raised.

His Lordship: I am raising it. I have asked you.

Mr. Lo: My contention is that it is up to defendant to show he is protected by the Ordinance.

His Lordship: It doesn't matter now whether he is or not.

Mr. Lo: Well, I am willing so long as your Lordship will bear in mind that the onus is on the defendant.

His Lordship: That point is not material now.

Material Point.

Mr. Lo then dealt with subsections of Section Three of the Ordinance 10 of 1917, to the effect that no action shall be maintained against public servants upon certain conditions being fulfilled and that certain provisions only applied to public servants receiving more than \$200 a month. Counsel pointed out that defendant had admitted that at the material dates his salary was over \$200 a month. The whole point, continued Mr. Lo, was whether on the material dates defendant was receiving a salary of over \$200 a month. This was all that His Lordship was entitled to determine, because beyond that they did not know. It would be most arbitrary that a certain portion should be deemed to be allowances.

Non Suited.

After further argument His Lordship, in summing up, said the view which he had hitherto held, and which he still held, was that the additional payment to which a public servant became entitled under general order No. 101 was in the nature of an allowance and was not in the nature of substantive pay. It was an allowance that could only be drawn while the servant was in the Colony. It was quite distinct from any salary quoted in the schedule as attached to a permanent appointment. For these reasons he was of the opinion that the substantive pay at all material times was less than \$200, exclusive of allowances, that the defendant was within the protection provided under the Public Servants' Liability Ordinance, 1917, and that being so the court was without jurisdiction to entertain the action.

Plaintiff was non-suited with costs.

Mr. Lo said the plaintiff would take the case to a higher court.

### TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

## NEAR THE FRONTIER.

BANDITS ON KOWLOON BORDER.

### TOWNSHIP PILLAGED.

Heavy Fighting On East River.

### IRONSIDES SUFFER SEVERE LOSSES AND HAVE TO RETREAT.

Freebooters have just pillaged a railway township near the frontier of the New Territories but order was restored by the joint action of the militia and a small garrison of regular troops.

Heavy casualties have been suffered by both sides in a two-days' battle along the upper stretch of the East River, about 200 miles from Canton. The net result is that danger of Swatow being invaded has eased and the Ironsides have been forced to retreat.

News from the city is that the influential Nationalist Party organisation has been made to bend to the will of the Government. Trade difficulties are reported. Following the official campaign against Communism, a number of Red peasants have vanished.

### NEWS FROM SWATOW.

Pingwoo, a town on the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section), not far from the British frontier, is reported to have been raided by bandits who were ultimately driven off by the people's militia and regular troops (only a handful in the garrison) from Canton; but not before the robbers had got away some loot and cattle. Pingwoo is best known to Hong Kong as the home town of the late Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, C.M.G.

### SWATOW SAVED.

How Ironsides Were Defeated in Interior.

Light is now thrown on a series of desperate actions fought before China New Year in the interior of Kwangtung province, paucity of news at the time having led to rumours of a march by the Ironsides on the port of Swatow.

It now seems fairly definitely established that the Ironsides' force has been spent and immediate danger to the Kwangsi faction and General Li Chai-sum's Government at Canton has been removed.

The scene of the fighting was the upper reach of the East River, about 200 miles or so east of Canton city.

Heavy Casualties.

Hemmed in on both sides, the Ironsides battled so tenaciously that the Canton Government forces, although victorious in the end, suffered very heavy casualties.

In the end, the Ironsides were overcome and their losses are such that retreat is the only course possible now.

On the west (i.e., between the Ironsides and Canton), General Li Chai-sum had one army. On the east of the Ironsides were a column of Li Chai-sum's troops from Swatow and other allied units.

Wounded's Appalling Conditions.

According to a Chinese report, 800 wounded have been sent down to Swatow and conditions in field hospitals are appalling as the medical corps is hopeless in the face of such abnormal casualties.

Reports reaching Hong Kong make out that many field officers and two or three general officers

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lost their lives in the battle which lasted two days, and also that other high officers have been wounded.

### \$2,000,000 LOST.

Reported New Year Failures in Canton.

End-of-the-year failures in Canton city have been revealed, states the "Wah Keung Po," showing labour union tyranny and the recent Government banknote crisis as the main causes.

Firms which are unlikely to reopen after the holiday include native banks and factories, continues the report. Amounts involved are estimated to total \$2,000,000.

Bringing Pressure to Bear.

General Li Chai-sum's administration has apparently brought pressure to bear on a political institution in Canton which has not been sympathetic. The city branch of the Kuomintang is the organisation referred to. A number of radicals hold office and they have opposed General Li Chai-sum's policy. It is now announced that new officers will be elected shortly and a drastic change made in the policy of the city branch.

Red Peasants Flee.

Further news about the Red plot which was nipped in the bud prior to China New Year is that in addition to the forty men captured in the environs of Canton by the Police Commissioner's bodyguards, there were a number of armed Peasants' Corps, hovering about in a village for the zero hour to attack Canton. Troops and Police were despatched against the village but the Red peasants, it is now learned, had fled beforehand.

### AN APT REBUKE.

COOLIDGE AND THE WAR JINGOES.

### BUCKET OF COLD WATER.

New York, Yesterday. President Coolidge's statement is featured in the Press as a very apt rebuke to Vice-Admiral Plunkett's war warnings.

The "New York World," in an editorial, says: "There is very worldly horse-sense about the rebuke, which is more devastating than indignation. President Coolidge pours the coldest bucket of cold water down the spine of Jingoism that has been poured for a long time."—Reuter's American Service.

### AFGHAN ROYALTY.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION IN PARIS.

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## BURNS' MEMORY.

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### Guild Council.

We Scots are often told that we have a good conceit of ourselves. Well, why shouldn't we? A country that could produce such extremes as Robert Burns and John Knox may well be proud of itself. And we are not lacking in other testimonials, for Dr. Johnson, when he got off his celebrated gibe about Oats for horses and men, was silent when asked where he could find finer men than those brought up on oatmeal. And the Englishman who said that we kept the Sabbath and everything else 'we could lay our hands on was dumbfounded when the reply came that the only thing his country ever let drop was the letter H! But we should be very careful in making these comparisons, and bear in mind the fate of the Colonist who, boasting how well his countrymen had done in the War, was told "Naturally for your Ancestors were sent out by good Judges."

And now the latest tribute to our merits comes from America where it seems that no Bank Director will engage a Manager for his business who is not a Scotsman. And if this is not enough I would remind you that a great modern Painter, a great modern Poet and our present Prime Minister are all direct descendants of George MacDonald, a true Scots Preacher, Poet and Mystic.

### A Modest People.

I only mention this in passing as we are a modest people and too much given to hiding our lights. But all the same who is like us? That Burns was a true Poet we have the witness of Tennyson who declared there never was immortal Poet if Burns be not one, and of Swinburne and Watson, two Masters of Melody, who have sung of Burns in lines which stir the blood of every Scotsman. Doubtless you know them, but I may repeat a few verses if only to show how two such masters of words can turn them into music to do honour to a rival in their own Art.

This is what Watson says;  
He came when Poets had forgot  
How rich and strange the human lot;  
How warm the tints of life; how  
hot  
Are Love and Hate,  
And what makes truth divine, and  
what  
Makes Manhood great.  
For mid an edge of dust and  
death  
Once more had bloomed immortal  
worth.  
There in the strong splenetic  
North  
The Spring began.  
A mighty mother had brought  
forth  
A mighty man.  
He erred, he sinned, and if there  
be  
Who, from his hapless frailties  
free,  
Rich in the poorer virtues, see  
His faults alone—  
To such, O Lord of Charity,  
Be mercy shown;  
And this is what Swinburne says:—  
Above the storms of praise and  
blame  
That blur with mist his lustrous  
name,  
His thunderous laughter went  
and came  
And lives and flies,  
The roar that follows on the  
flame  
When Lightning dies.

Then too there is a fine tribute from America by Lowell for Burns' Centenary, which deserves to be better known than it is.

### Burning Words.

For me to attempt to add to the burning words of these two poets would be in the words of Shakespeare be wasteful and ridiculous excess. But I will venture one remark. There are some who seem to think that the Scottish poets must be inferior to the English Poets. Well let us see. We will take Gray, a highly cultured man and a fair representative of English poetry. Let us see how he and Burns describe the dying day.

Gray's line "the curfew tolls the knell of parting day" is fine, but does it come up to the quiet beauty and simplicity of "The wintry sun the day has closed?" I do not think so. It is the difference between the two men. One is ornate and artificial, the other is simple and natural. There is too, the difference in the setting. One was thinking of the rich soil and the fat beaves of the South, the other of the bitter biting North and its wind-swept fields.

### A Man.

It is not only as a great poet that we rejoice in Burns, we love him even more because he was a Man with a large hearted love for his fellow-man. Some perhaps, who are not great-minded, may murmur "and fellow women" but much is forgiven to those who love much.

and if ever there were a man who loved his fellow-man, it was the man we hold in our hearts to-night. Like Abou Ben Adhem, he would not be a Holy Willie and boast of his love of God, but like modest old Abou, he would ask to be written down as one that loved his fellow men, and like him would find his name "lead all the rest." He not only loved them but he sang to them, and to us who come after, of the glorious privilege of being independent and taught us that an honest man's the noblest work of God and the Peer of any belted Knight or noble Lord.

### For All Time.

As Tennyson says Burns is a Poet for all time, but beyond that he was a most lovable loving man, whose heart took in all sorts and conditions of men and drew no line at the publicans and sinners.

It was not John Barleycorn but Sociability and Conviviality, the love of their own kind in fact that kept Burns and Souter Johnnie and the others at Tam O'Shanter's and Poosie Nannie's when they ought all to have been in their beds. His heart had room for all God's creatures and things, the poor field-mouse and the modest crimson-tipped daisy, and nothing he wrote is, I think, more exquisite than his lines to those two lowly objects. From the highest to the lowest all were his brethren.

But with all his affection for his brethren, he was not blind to their faults, and when necessary he could scourge hypocrites and Holy Willies with words of everlasting scorn and contempt. He might as he says "Keek thro' other men with sharpened inspection" but I fear the glass in his hand often interfered with his judgment. His faults were those of all such warm generous natures, but he was ever on the side of the poor oppressed, honest man and swift to resent injustice or arrogance.

### Holds His Own.

As a Poet, as a Singer, it needs more eloquence than I possess to do him justice. In humour and pathos he holds his own with the best. What can be finer than the humour of "The Jolly Beggars," or "The Holy Fair" or "Tam O'Shanter," and as to pathos what can equal the heartbreak of "Ae fond Kiss," that alone, not to mention "Ye Banks and Braes" and "Mary Morrison" and what a world of sorrow refusing to be comforted is there in the three simple words "My Nannie's awa."

I do not forget the great names in literature when I say that to us Scots Burns is abune them a', his songs will live for ever and be sung as Auld Lang Syne is sung now in every corner of the world by all kinds and races of men. But no prophet is honoured in his own country and Robert Burns and a far greater than Robert Burns were made to feel how ungrateful this world can be to its noblest souls. Burns sang his whole soul out to the world and we know what he got in return. And now Gentlemen I have kept tryste with the (Chief-tain who commanded me to be here to-night for Scottish Chiefs do not ask, they command. Saying to this man Go and he goth and so I will detain you no longer. The old lady complained that Hamlet was nothing but quotations, so I have done my best to avoid that fault and not carry coals to Newcastle by quoting Burns to you. Had he never written anything more than Auld Lang Syne, he would have been immortal, for it is matchless, although there is a song that is even more dear to us than Auld Lang Syne.

### A Great Song.

The two songs have gone round the world together and into many strange places, but the one I refer to is buried even deeper in the memory of every Scottish lad from childhood, and wherever he may be his heart will beat and his breast will swell at the first sound of those noble old words. Need I tell you gentlemen what that song is? I think you have guessed it. I am sure Mr. Macdonald could tell you. It is the 23rd Psalm.

Just one more word. There are ghosts in this room to-night, gentlemen. The spirits of the past are with us here to-night and when you drink in silence to the Immortal Memory of our beloved Poet, our own Rantin, Rovin Robin, cast your thoughts back to the men who have gone before you.

### Ghosts.

To Phineas Ryrie, the founder of this Society and truly the King among us a', his fine figure resplendent in his Tartan from far-away Skye.  
To Scott of Taikoo, a man after my own heart and to his and my friend Fullerton Henderson, the witliest and most attractive of speakers.  
To Beancake Billy, a great Merchant Prince, and to James the Polite who was indeed always the Pink of Courtesy and a fine man for all that.

To David Gilles who made the Dock and his Crony o' Mine, Murray Bain of the "China Mail," Time falls me to tell of Gordon and Barak that is to say of Sandy Gordon and David Wood, of Sandy Thomson, said to have been the

finest intellect that ever came to China, of Bob Lyall, the great ladies' man on the night of the Ball. Of Georgia Altken who lived in mortal terror of Muster Gilles, especially when Muster Gilles pulled off his hat and flung it on the ground and stamped on it, and of Fraser Smith who started the "Hong Kong Telegraph," edited it in gaol and addressed letters to the public from "The Prisoner Behind the Bars!"

Last but not least the great Sir Patrick Manson and Jeems Cantle. Gentlemen, these men, these ghosts, have passed the lamp on to you. See that you keep the pure flame of love of our Country, old Caledonian stern and wild, ever burning clear and high.

As for me my time is getting short, "the wan moon is setting beyond the white wave and Time is setting with me," but if I never see you here again, it matters not, for we shall all meet some day in the Land o' the Leal. Gentlemen, raise your glasses, in silence please. I give you the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns, God bless him!

### "THE LASSIES."

Mr. Kay's Humorous Toast.

Mr. W. Kay proposed "The Lassies." He commenced by saying, "I consider it a piece of presumption to propose the toast of the lassies, as I do not suppose anyone knows less about them than I do. However, I admit that the subject is a most ticklish one."

Mr. Kay proceeded to explain at length how he came to be proposing the toast. It was, he asserted, a conspiracy on the part of several friends, and commenced some weeks ago. In the end he had been prevailed upon to consent. So here he was, an old bachelor, proposing a toast that, somehow, always seemed to fall to the lot of a bachelor, rather than a married man. Why, he asked, was not a married man chosen? "Is it because he cannot find the words to express his admiration of the lassies?" (Laughter).

His house boy, he said, had passed some remarks that would be to the point. The "boy" asked why he had not found a wife. "I asked, 'Will I be more comfortable if I have a wife?' and he answered, most emphatically, 'No!' I asked, 'Why do you say that,' and the Mongolian philosopher replied, 'Because when catchee wife, she belong number one, and you belong number two!' (Laughter).

Mr. Kay then quoted references to the other sex, which, he said, appeared to be a warning to mere man. There was, for instance, the verse:

"When Adam slept, Eve from his side arose:  
Strange that his first sleep should be his last repose!"

He averred, "What I do know about women I have got out of books," and continued to remark that, when he was very young, he used to read stories of heroes killing dragons and giants, and then a princess appeared, and they married and lived happily ever afterwards. But later he found they were described as fairy tales! If they took the poets, they found such references as the following by Shakespeare, "Woman, thy name is frailty;" yet there were also such statements as, "Men were deceivers ever."

Lines to the Lassies.

However, said Mr. Kay, to be more serious, the finest lines ever dedicated to the lassies were those by Burns himself, and they ran:

"Auld Nature swears the lovely dears  
Her noblest work she classes, O,  
Her pretence han' she tried on man,  
An' then she made the lassies, O!"

Women, since the days of Burns, had shaken off the shackles and were now competing with men as doctors, lawyers, and in business. (A voice, "Aye with the schoolmaster!" In Scotland the first woman to become a lawyer had had her birth—Miss Carrie Morrison. The first woman sea-going engineer had also come from Scotland—Miss Drummond. Also, the only team to have a woman on the board of directors was the Edinburgh Hibs. (Applause).

### O Woman!

In serious vein he asked, where would they, or any famous men, have been without the women, their mothers? It was to their mothers, particularly between six and sixteen, at the time of their impressionable years, that they owed a great deal in the moulding of their character. The influence of the womanfolk was predominant, and had a great deal to do with the honour of the achievements of men, in history, science, and in civilisation.

He would quote the very apt lines of Sir Walter Scott:

"O woman, in our hours of ease  
Uncertain, coy and hard to please,  
And variable as the shade  
By the light quivering aspen made!  
When pain and anguish wring the brow,  
A ministering angel thou!"

Therefore they owed the most to the lassies, "Good luck to them, and God bless them!" (Applause).

### The Reply.

Replying to the toast of "The Lassies," Professor R. K. M.

Simpson said:—Mr. President, Mr. Kay, Gentlemen, replying to this toast is for me a great honour and pleasure. To answer for the lassies, must be a pleasure for any man, and I shouldn't mention it; but it gives me special pleasure for a special reason. Burns once visited my native place. He liked it so well, that he wrote a poem asking a bonny lassie to go courting with him there. That poem, "The Birks o' Ayr," is still a popular song. It was, along with the Auld Hundred, the first poetry I ever read.

But Sir, it must often have struck you that there is something odd about this toast being proposed by a bachelor. I know it is a tradition. I suspect it is a tradition meant to lead to a joke. And the joke is on the bachelor. Because, really, for a bachelor to talk about lassies, is like a blind man talking of beauty, a farmer discoursing on steamships, or a London journalist writing on China.

### Take Warning.

Perhaps Mr. Kay is waiting till he is ten years richer, to marry someone twenty years younger. If so let him take warning from Burns' expression of the sentiments of Spring married to Winter.

"What can a young lassie, what shall a young lassie do wi' an auld man?  
Bad luck on the penny that tempted my Minnie  
To sell her poor Jenny for siller an' lan'?"

He may find, that, instead of being rejoiced by the wife of his bosom,

"He's peevish and jealous of a' the young fellows"  
When I tell him this I think I am, in every sense of the phrase, answering for the lassies. I hope, I am also answering for the lassies when I quote again

"A man may drink and no be drunk;  
A man may fight and no be slain;  
A man may kiss a bonny lass,  
And aye be welcome back again."

### Well—For a Bachelor.

Mr. Kay has spoken well; for a bachelor. But it was not as a bachelor that Burns said his best verses on The Tarbolton Lassies, The Mauchline Belles, on Clarinda on The Highland Lassie, on The Lass of Ballochmyle and on Love-lie-Davies—"Bonny wee thing, cannie wee thing, lovely wee thing, wert thou mine, etc.—these are all perfect in their kind. But deeper in its sweetness, more potent in its national influence, is what he wrote after marriage, now inscribed on his monument in the Square of Dumfries.

"To make a happy fireside elime  
T'wixt me and wife,  
That's the true pathos and sublime  
Of human life."

Before he was able to write that, Burns had given up much. A famous critic, not always favourable to Burns, has said that the three things necessary to the support of genius are "prosperity, social acquaintance, and applause." Burns found these in Edinburgh in 1787. He might have enjoyed them all his life.

### Returned to Jean.

With their support he might have risen to even greater heights than the pinnacle on which he is now established. But he chose to return to Jean Armour. He thought that a small farm, or £50 a year as an Exciseman, in the country with a wife and family, was worth more than prosperity, social acquaintance, or growing fame. The Roman Mark Antony is usually instanced as the symbol of the world well lost for love. But the Roman is an ignoble example, as compared with the Scottish Robbie Burns.

That Sir, is why the toast is so important on this anniversary. And that is why I am glad to be able to say on behalf of the lassies that I thank Mr. Kay for what he has so admirably said, and thank you for the spirit with which you have honoured the toast.

Mr. Kay has extolled given expression to a strange Bachelor's Philosophy in "A Domino's Doggerel." But what he has said to-night is a worthier expression of the more typically Scottish creed which Burns versified when he wrote

"I ha been blythe wi' comrades  
Dear!  
I ha been merry drinking;  
I ha been joyfu' gath'rin gear;  
I ha been happy thinking;  
But a' the pleasures ere I saw,  
Tho' three times doun'd fairly,  
That happy night was worth them a'.

Among the rigs o' barley."  
On behalf of the lassies I thank you.

## TIN SHORTAGE.

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"In two or three years many of the world's tin mines will be exhausted. The end of the world's supplies of tin is in sight," said Mr. E. J. Byrne, the tin magnate and initiator of the tin restriction scheme, commenting on Lord Asquith's statement regarding the present agitation in the tin world for the control of prices.

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## LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

## THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Antenor (6,809) British, from Dainy, Shanghai, B. & S. 61 passengers, 4,426 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Arafura (3,401) British, from Yokohama, Shanghai, Mackinnon Mackenzie—11 passengers, 500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Chip Shing (1,199) British, from Tonghai, Wei-hai-wei, Jardine's—800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 10 tons general (through).

Telemachus (1,340) British from Saigon, Wo Fat Sing—2 passengers, 2,056 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Bourbon (997) French, from Saigon, Hock Guan Hong—3 passengers, 1,500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Konigsberg (3,978) German, from Yokohama, Shanghai, Melchers & Co.—7 passengers, 5 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,837 tons general (through).

Vulcanus (707) Dutch, from Miri, A.P.C.—1,046 tons kerosine for Hong Kong.

Oria (1,101) Norwegian from Bangkok, Karsten, Larsen—2,400 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Daviken (1,777) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Kin Cheong Lee—6 passengers, 2,875 tons rice for Hong Kong, 430 tons rice (through).

Norviken (1,779) Norwegian, from Singapore, Foo Nam S.S. Co.—132 passengers, 1,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Yei Jun Maru (1,284) Japanese, from Dairen, Wei-hai-wei, M.B.K.—1,423 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Nitakata Maru (1,432) Japanese, from Osaka, Karatsu, Y.K.K.—2,735 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Wong Shek Kung (1,044) Chinese from Saigon, Kung Cheong—1,000 tons rice for Hong Kong.

## Departures.

For Swatow—Van Heutz, Bowes Castle.

For Shanghai—Atsuta Maru, Pros. Lincoln, Teoluc.

For Batavia—Tijlseroe.

For Macao—Devayongse.

For Manila—West Niger.

For Bangkok—Kaying.

For Kobe—Neleus.

For Moji—Yamagata Maru.

For Canton—Kwong Sang.

For Swatow—Deli Maru.

For Canton—Vulcanus.

## Shipping Abstract.

| Arrivals   | Departures | In | Out |
|------------|------------|----|-----|
| British    | 4          | 3  | 84  |
| Japanese   | 2          | 2  | 8   |
| Norwegian  | 3          | 1  | 22  |
| Chinese    | 1          | 1  | 12  |
| Dutch      | 1          | 2  | 5   |
| French     | 1          | 0  | 2   |
| German     | 1          | 0  | 1   |
| American   | 0          | 2  | 0   |
| Portuguese | 0          | 0  | 2   |
| Panama     | 0          | 0  | 1   |
|            | 13         | 12 | 87  |

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "D'Artagnan" are advised that all claims must be sent in before January 30.

## FIRE ON "CALCHAS."

FITTINGS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AT LIVERPOOL.

## LITTLE CARGO.

Liverpool, Yesterday. A fire in the hold of the British steamer "Calchas," which is loading for Penang, was extinguished. The plates had to be cut to reach the outbreak. The fittings were seriously damaged.

There is very little cargo aboard. The vessel will sail on Saturday according to schedule.—Router.

## H.M.S. "CALEDON."

REPAIRS EFFECTED AFTER COLLISION.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Admiralty announces that H.M.S. "Caledon," which collided last Friday in the Dore Channel with the Italian oiler "Antares," has arrived at Malta, temporary repairs having been effected.—British Wireless Service.

## KIEL CANAL TRAFFIC.

A report received by the Department of Overseas Trade from his Majesty's Consul-General at Hamburg states that shipping traffic through the Kiel Canal in October showed an increase over the previous month. Compared with the return for September some 300 more vessels with an aggregate of about 25,000 net register tons passed through, the actual figures being as follows:—October, 1927, 5,006 vessels, 2,078,982 net register tons; September, 1927, 4,717 vessels, 2,050,472 net reg. tons; and October, 1926, 4,956 vessels, 2,142,498 net reg. tons.

Of the 5,006 vessels in October 2,603 were registered as sea-going steamers and aggregated 1,868,806 tons, whilst 46 vessels aggregating 45,985 tons were sea-going motorships. The above include 2,406 freight and passenger steamers aggregating 1,897,305 tons, 27 fishing steamers aggregating 2,183 tons and 174 steam tugs aggregating 5,583 tons.

In addition there were 2,102 sailing vessels of 104,497 tons and 255 lighters and barges of 57,195 tons. The vessels were loaded as follows:—17 with passengers, 247 coal, 138 stone, 38 iron, 614 timber, 841 gain, 21 cattle, 663 ore and other bulk goods, 1,133 piece goods, 72 general cargoes, and 1,227 empty or in ballast.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Talamba" left Singapore for this port on January 22 at a.m. and is due here on January 28 at a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" R/W Cruise left Colombo on January 24 at 4 p.m., and is due at Padang on January 28 at 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on February 15.

## PASSENGER LISTS.

## ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived in Hong Kong by the s.s. "Atsuta Maru" from London on January 24 were: Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Cope, Mr. J. M. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lim, Messrs. W. McIntyre, T. F. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Namki, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Poole, Messrs. K. Sugayama, H. E. Smith, R. E. Sherman, and C. D. Souza.

Passengers arrived by the P. and O. s.s. "Delta" from Japan yesterday were: Mr. C. L. Mehra, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruyere, Messrs. P. D. Tata, F. F. Higham, J. Vaughan, B. M. Tyler, G. F. Mitchell, Mrs. I. Cheng, Messrs. G. Lim, A. Kopp, Miss J. Cubbam, and Mr. Yates.

## DEPARTURES.

Passengers departed by the s.s. "Atsuta Maru" on January 25 for Japan via Shanghai were: Mr. M. Yamada, Miss A. M. Gee, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Rawlins, Messrs. S. Nishino, M. Morizumi, G. Yuge, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Deutz, Messrs. R. H. Beavan, P. M. van Camphout, K. Uchida, Miss R. E. Humphries, Messrs. M. Uchida, N. Katayama, K. Hashimoto, Miss T. Hashimoto, Messrs. G. Hori, H. Hattori, O. K. Berg, R. Takano, K. Shiga, H. Kobayashi, S. Wada, R. Nobuaki, K. Nakaniishi, J. A. Mackenzie, Mrs. V. Goldman, Master B. Goldman, Miss M. D. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Thomson, Messrs. T. Kunugi, T. Albarr, T. Kosawa, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ono, Miss M. T. Chung, Mrs. K. Kobayashi, Miss Chan Wen-shi, Miss M. Quennult, Messrs. H. Soon Fan, N. Fujimoto, S. Nagamoto, Rev. A. H. Faers, Mr. and Mrs. M. Nakamura, Mr. and Mrs. T. Iwahashi.

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| MONGOLIA   | 16,504 | 14th Apr.                 | Marseilles & London                |
| MORFA      | 10,953 | 28th Apr.                 | Marseilles & London                |
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| *KIDDERPORE | 5,334  | 2nd Feb.  | Moji & Kobe                     |
| KHIVA       | 9,135  | 3rd Feb.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| MACEDONIA   | 11,120 | 4th Feb.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| TANDA       | 6,956  | 7th Feb.  | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama    |
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| MANJUA      | 10,946 | 20th Feb. | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka        |
| ST. ALBANS  | 4,500  | 2nd Mar.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| *NAGPORA    | 5,283  | 6th Mar.  | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama    |
| MONGOLIA    | 16,504 | 13th Mar. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
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## NEW YORK-BERMUDA

NOTABLE ADDITION TO THE SERVICE.

LUXURIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

The New York-Bermuda service will shortly be strengthened by the addition of the new passenger motor liner Bermuda, which is at present undergoing a series of trials on the Clyde and in the Irish Sea. Built by Messrs. Workman, Clark & Co., Ltd. for the New York and West Indies Steamship Co., Ltd., she constitutes a notable acquisition to the company's fleet, embodying, as she does, an elegance and dignity of tasteful internal decorations, luxury of appointments, and comfort of furnishings, together with the most up-to-date equipment.

The keel of the Bermuda was laid in mid-October, 1926. The fact that the contract was only placed late in August, 1926, allowing a total building period of sixteen months (compared with a normal building time of 25-27 months for a vessel of this size and class), itself pays a well-earned compliment to the builders' shipyard and engine works, and to the organization of their staff. This may well prove a record time for construction for such a type of ship, especially when the coal strike, continuing from the contract date until Nov.-Dec., 1926, seriously delayed the production and delivery of materials and the progress of construction in the early stages.

The ship, which is intended first for fast passenger and mail traffic between New York and Bermuda, and secondly for ocean cruises, was designed by the well-known firm of naval architects and consulting engineers, Messrs. William Esplan, Son and Swainston, Ltd., who have designed and supervised the construction of so many motorships of prominence.

The service speed of 18 knots secured by her powerful quadruple screw machinery will make the ship a considerable acquisition to the fleet of her owners, the New York and West Indies Steamship Co., Ltd., and her increased speed will enable the voyage in a little under forty hours.

## General Description.

Considerable attention has been paid to the vessel's external appearance, and her clean-cut lines, cruiser stern, well-balanced superstructures, and two massive funnels, provide a graceful and pleasing outline which will vie with the most handsome liners afloat. The ship provides accommodation for 616 first-class passengers, 75 second-class, and a large crew, but her numerous and exceptionally large and lofty public reception rooms, and her gross tonnage of almost 20,000 tons, give a much greater impression of her size than her actual dimensions. By the adoption of motor engines, and the elimination of firemen and trimmers, more space than usual has been devoted to the comfort of passengers, to the carriage of a great proportion of stewards and cooks, and to more spacious and more comfortable staff accommodation for those who spend their lives at sea.

The adaptability of the liner for ocean cruises when the ship can be spared from her normal service, provides the passenger with many advantages rare in vessels built for a specific trade, as the designers have provided a shallow draft enabling the ship to enter nearly all tourist ports of call, arranged an exceptionally strong hull to weather the severe seas of North Atlantic and other storm centres, large reception rooms and cabins with adequate electric and steam heating for cold climates, powerful ventilation, and extensive promenades for tropical touring, a stage and cinema for evening concerts, convenient arrangements for dancing and games, large crew accommodation for efficient service, gangway facilities, and accommodation ladders for disembarking and re-embarking suitable for any port or tender, large refrigerated and dry storerooms capable of keeping provisions in fresh condition for long voyages, enormous fresh water storage tanks capable of supplying all demands for a third of the distance around the world, a laundry for passengers' personal requirements and ship's linen, a large rudder and powerful steering gear for navigating narrow waters, powerful searchlights, anchor and mooring facilities for riding in surf disturbed bays, and many details too numerous to mention. These additional facilities not only combine in producing one of the world's finest liners for ocean tours, but provide exceptional advantages in safety of ship and in passenger comfort and entertainment on the liner's normal duties on the New York-Bermuda service.

## Hull Details.

To conform to the limited space available for swinging, the length of the vessel was restricted to 547 feet on waterline, her beam being 74 feet, with a moulded depth to "C" deck of 45 feet. To conform

## NEW VESSELS.

HOW THE U.S. HAS FALLEN BEHIND.

INLAND INTEREST.

"There is no divergence of opinion among those who have our shipping interests at heart as to the urgent necessity for a replacement programme to provide new ships to meet the competition of the modern tonnage of the foreign flag lines," Rear-Admiral John J. Halligan, Jr., chief of the construction and engineering division, United States Navy, said in an address delivered at a meeting of the Propeller Club.

"There is," he added, "unfortunately an honest disagreement as to the best plan of handling such a programme, but the important thing is that it be done. It is comparatively unimportant what method shall be chosen for doing it. The Merchant Marine Act of 1920 is clear and definite. The all-important thing is that under this law an adequate American merchant marine be perpetuated, and that the construction of the necessary replacement ships be started with a minimum of delay."

## Awakening of Interest.

Referring to the awakening of interest in the merchant marine in inland communities, Admiral Halligan said there has been an increased appreciation of sea values, due in large measure to the development at the Geneva Conference. Farmers, manufacturers, and others, he said, are coming to realize that an adequate fleet of American merchant ships is essential if the U.S. is to hold its share of world trade. He quoted statistics to show that before the war the foreign trade of the United Kingdom was 50 per cent. greater than theirs, while in 1926 they had become the leading nation in world trade, with a margin of 7½ per cent.

"American foreign trade in the calendar year 1926 required the services of 5,761 vessels, aggregating 26,330,000 gross tons, according to a report compiled by the Shipping Board," he said. "The analysis showed that ships of 32 different countries were represented among the carriers of our freight and passengers. More than two-thirds of the total were under foreign flags. American ships numbered 1,678, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 7,336,000. About 42 per cent. of tankers, 28 per cent. of the combination passenger-cargo ships, and about 25 per cent. of the general cargo vessels were registered in Britain."

## Sailing Vessels.

"The report reveals that there are still some 347 sailing vessels, aggregating 280,000 gross tons, actively engaged in transporting American foreign trade. Of that number 205 aggregating 190,000 gross tons, were American-flag ships. It has been shown that charges paid for the carriage of \$93,000,000 long tons of American imports and exports in 1925 was about \$600,000,000. The foreign trade total of 113,000,000 tons in 1926 indicates that the nation's freight bill was in excess of \$728,000,000, and of this sum a conservative estimate indicates that \$480,000,000 was paid to foreign shipping companies."

"Reports of the Shipping Board bureau of research, indicate that on October 1 the privately owned American merchant marine included 1,230 steam and motor vessels of 1,000 gross tons and over with a gross tonnage of 6,034,845, more than 91 per cent. of this tonnage being in active service on that date. Of this number, however, only 170 vessels were engaged in foreign trade, the remainder being employed in coastwise or Caribbean routes. The Shipping Board fleet on October 1 included 801 vessels, 280 of which were engaged in foreign trade."

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## COMPARISON FUTILE

THE OLD TIMES AND THE NEW.

LADY NOVELIST'S IDEAS.

Were the old times better, or worse, than the new? is one of the poignant questions of the day. But I would say that comparison is foolish and futile. There were differences, because most of the factors which go to make up life belonged to their own time, and would not be applicable to another. We have progressed—science has made such wonderful strides that to-day we feel always on the threshold of tremendous revelation, and countless doors that were closed have already been thrown open wide. Certain great virtues remain, however; the things that matter; the eternal things which, after all, are the deciding things; love, honour, truth, loyalty, honesty of purpose—these continue to offer the prizes of life.

Sometimes I have been asked to explain my success over so long a period of years, and I have but one answer—Youth might do well to reflect upon it—hard work, concentration, scrupulous fulfilment of engagements and promises, service first and service last. In these things lies the secret of success, not only in the writing profession but in every other one in the world.—Annie S. Swan in "T.P.'s Weekly."

Pat was on the look-out for work, and one morning he took his stand in a group outside the gates of a large engineering establishment.

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"Yes," answered Pat, stopping forward.

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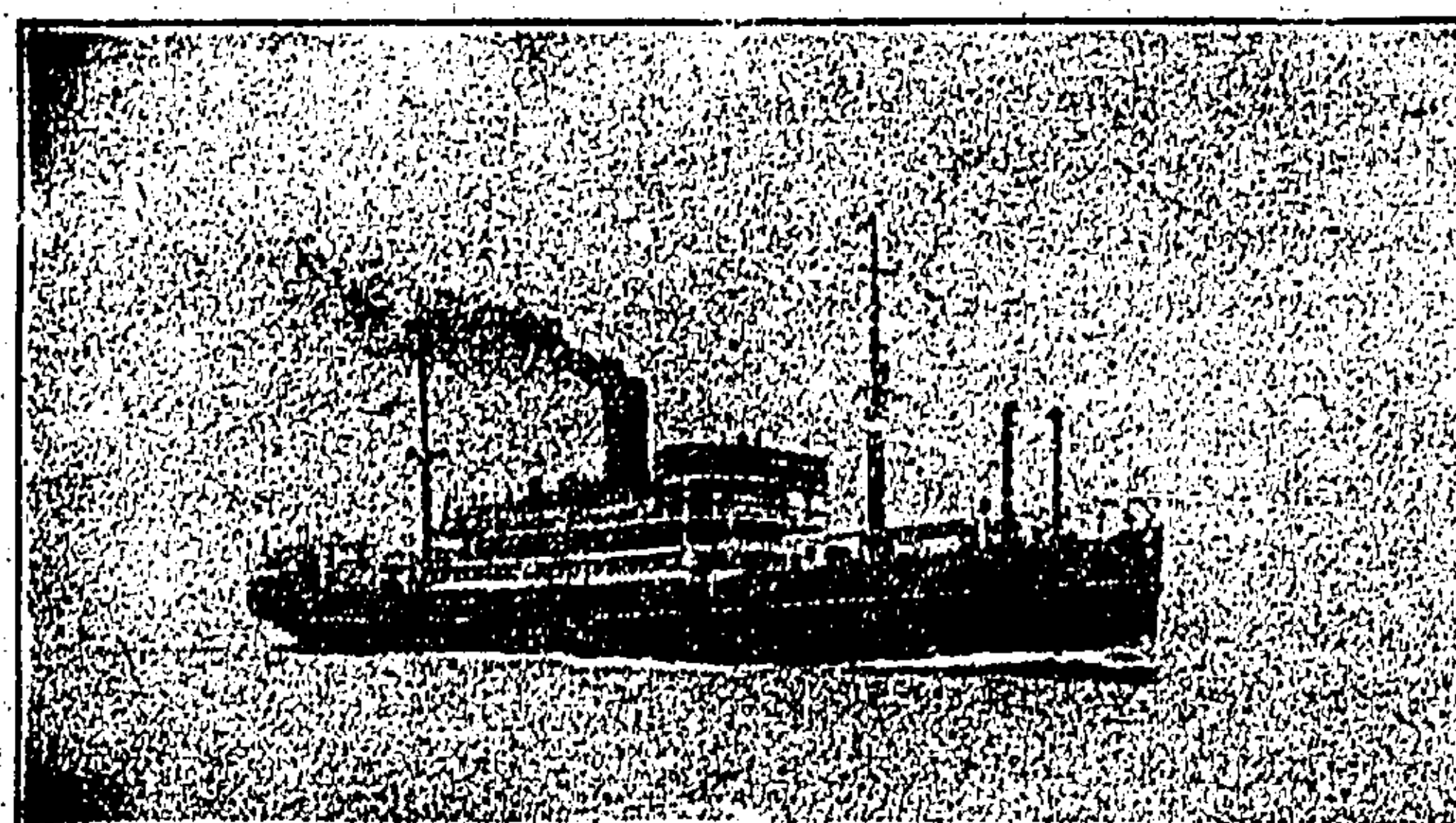
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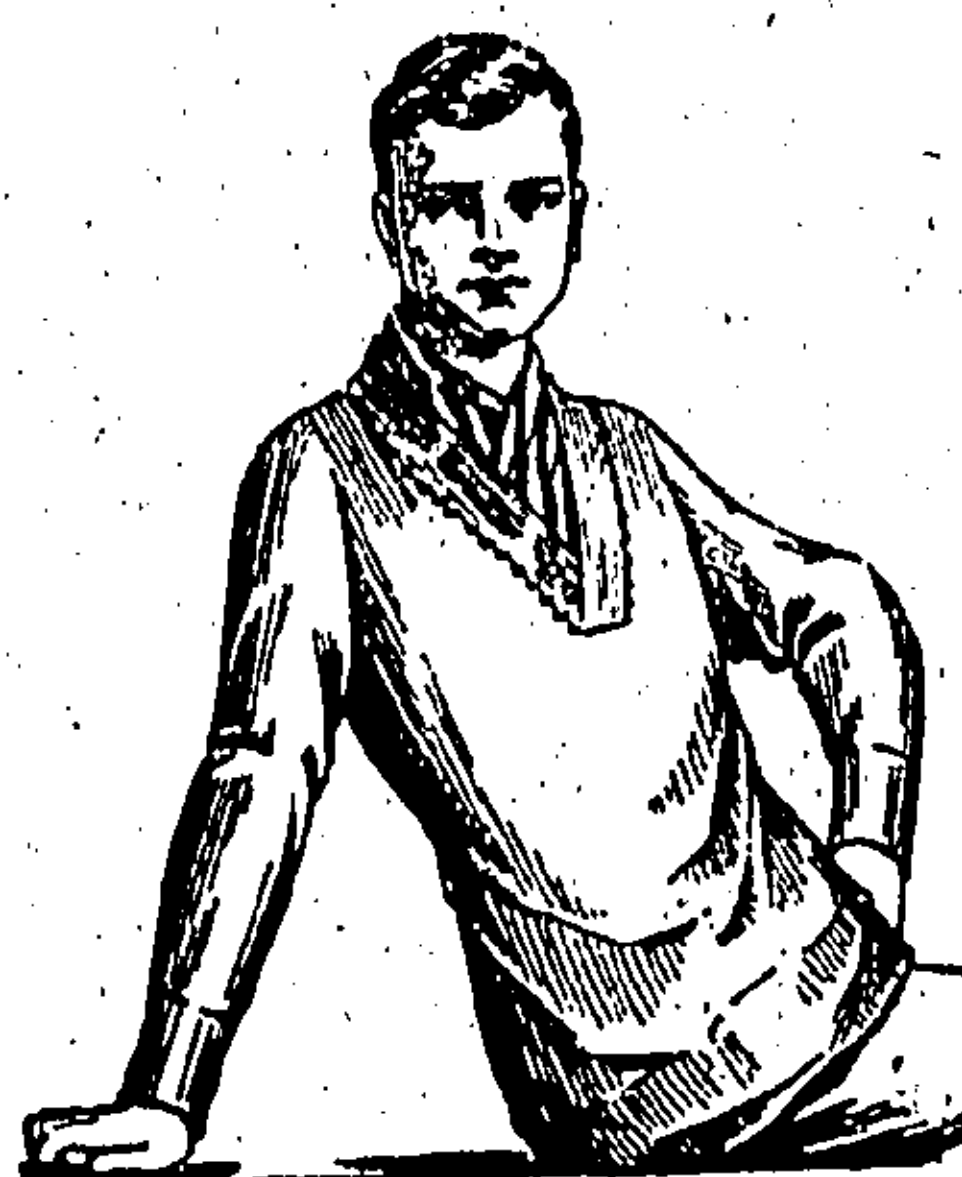
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### MARRIAGE.

WAY-BRENNER.—On January  
11, 1928, at H.B.M. Consulate-  
General, before Sir James  
Jamieson, K.C.M.G., and after  
wards at All Saints' Church,  
by the Rev. C. W. Scott, M.A.,  
assisted by Captain Naylor,  
M.C., Chaplain to the British  
Forces, Cecil William Lang-  
dale, second son of Mr. and  
Mrs. W. T. L. Way, to Gladys,  
only daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
D. A. Bremner of Rossett  
Mansions, Chelsea, London  
S.W.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Jan. 26, 1928.

### LIME-WASHING SYSTEMS.

At first glance it might appear  
to some that too much has been  
made of the discussion at the  
Sanitary Board on the subject of  
lime-washing of tenement houses  
and that, in comparison with  
other really vital matters, an in-  
ordinate amount of space has  
been devoted by the Press to the  
report of yesterday's meeting. It  
is essential for the cleanliness—  
and cleanliness means better  
health—that houses should be  
periodically lime-washed. It is  
the duty of the landlords to see  
that this lime-washing is carried  
out, not to their own satisfaction  
or the satisfaction of their con-  
tractors, but to the satisfaction  
of the Sanitary Board. If they  
refuse or request the Sanitary  
Board to do it for them,  
then and then only will the  
Sanitary Board perform the work.  
Complaints, it appears, have  
been made, however, as to the  
method employed by the Sanitary  
Board—that of spraying the lime-  
wash on the walls and ceilings  
instead of the old method of using  
brushes. It has been alleged that  
furniture and goods are damaged  
by the spraying method—as if no  
one ever heard of similar com-  
plaints regarding the brush when  
in the hands of careless coolies.  
In the minds of many people  
anything new or anything they

have not seen before, is open to  
suspicion, and if they have no just  
cause for complaint they invent  
one. It is more than possible  
that to this can be attributed all  
the fuss that has been made over  
the spray method of lime-wash-  
ing. Even allowing for the fact  
that Sanitary Board coolies can be  
as careless as those of private  
contractors or owners of tenement  
houses, a perusal of the official  
statement made yesterday must  
lead to the conclusion that the  
President made out a convincing  
case in favour of the spraying  
system. There is, of course, a  
right and a wrong way of spray-  
ing. It is no commendation to  
claim that it must be the better  
method because it has been found  
satisfactory elsewhere. Chinese  
coolies are not employed to do it  
elsewhere. And even here  
tenants are not obliged to have  
their houses lime-washed by the  
spraying method—that is a mat-  
ter between them and the owners.  
Still, so far as the Sanitary Board  
is concerned we are inclined to ac-  
cept the official view that every  
reasonable precaution is taken  
during the process to protect fur-  
niture and goods. The promised  
provision of more calico wrap-  
pings should be the best possible  
reply to any complaints in the  
future. After all, it may be just  
as well that the subject has been  
fully discussed and reported if  
only to reassure those who have  
had a grievance in the past that  
the Sanitary Board is ready to  
meet them in every way possible.  
There the matter may well rest.

### PUBLIC ANGER.

Letters reached "The Daily Mail"  
protesting against the "rage." The  
following are extracts:

An Old Oxonian.—May I suggest  
that the best means of suppressing  
such irritating folly as that asso-  
ciated now with "variously" "rage"  
lies in the hands of the university  
authorities? All they need to do  
is to make it a firm rule that any  
undergraduate convicted in court  
for such offences should be sent  
down.

An Oxford Graduate.—The dis-  
graceful behaviour of the under-  
graduates after the Rugby match  
can be accounted for in two ways,  
as far as the Oxford contingent is  
concerned. The vast majority of  
Oxford undergraduates are tea-  
totallers during term time, what-  
ever you may hear to the contrary,  
and, in consequence, a single glass  
of port in London will go to their  
heads as easily as to those of sap-  
pers. The other reason is that  
these effeminate young men are an-  
xious to disprove their effeminacy  
by creating self-advertising scenes  
—always a proof of weakness. If  
only a magistrate would sentence  
two or three of them to a month's  
hard labour, harmless members of  
the public would not again have  
their evenings spoiled and their  
dresses ruined by hysterical school-  
girls in trousers.

### LIME WASHING.

#### SANITARY BOARD STATEMENT.

#### DEPARTMENT'S DUTIES.

At the meeting of the Sanitary  
Board yesterday afternoon, on the  
subject of lime spraying and  
washing was thoroughly discussed.  
Those present at the meeting  
were:—Messrs. W. J. Carrie (Pre-  
sident), J. Watson (Secretary), P.  
Angus (Assistant Secretary), J. P.  
Braga, Wong Kwong-tin, Dra. W.  
V. M. Koch, S. W. Tso, S. C. Ho,  
G. W. Pope (M.O.H.), Lieut.-Col.  
Bullock and the Hon. H. T. Cressy  
(D.P.W.).

In reply to questions on the  
matter put by Dr. Tao and already  
outlined in these columns the Pre-  
sident said that the By-laws lay the  
responsibility for the annual clean-  
sing and lime-washing on the  
owner or landlord. Each year as  
the lime-washing season ap-  
proaches a notice is sent to each  
owner pointing out what he is  
required to do; in the majority of  
cases he does it. I have inspected  
the figures for the last three  
years. In 1925 the total number  
of floors lime-washed in the Colony  
was 39,548; of these 35,310 were  
lime-washed by the owners, em-  
ploying their own contractors.  
The percentage is 90. In 1926 the  
figures were 38,024 floors. Lime-  
washed of which 33,936 were lime-  
washed by the owners; the per-  
centage is over 89. In 1927 44,373  
floors were lime-washed; of these  
41,440 or 93.5 per cent. were lime-  
washed by the owners. Normally  
therefore in over 90 per cent. of  
the cases this Board and the San-  
itary Department are not concerned  
except to inspect the premises.  
This inspection is carried out. I  
can assure members, at the earliest  
possible moment; there is no un-  
reasonable delay and in any case  
some allowance is made for some  
unavoidable dirtying of the pre-  
mises during the interval between  
cleaning and inspection.

It is only when the landlord re-  
fuses to do the work satisfactorily  
or requests us to do it for him that  
the actual cleansing and lime-  
washing is done by the Depart-  
ment.

#### The Department.

In previous years the Depart-  
ment has employed one or more  
contractors to carry out the lime-  
washing which it has been asked  
to do. This proved unsatisfactory  
and my predecessor suggested that  
we should try a system of depart-  
mental lime-washing.

The successive upheavals for  
the tenants while the lime-washing  
was done 5 or 6 times were no  
doubt also most troublesome. The  
Board on September 6 last there-  
upon approved of the work being  
done by the Department.

#### No Brief.

In reply to further questions  
Mr. Carrie said that he did not  
hold a brief for the spraying  
method, but he would assuredly  
say that spraying removes soot and  
dirt from crevices in a way in  
which the brush could not do. He  
also said that if there should be  
any reasonable grounds for com-  
plaint against the spraying method,  
he would then abolish the method.  
However, the tenants were not  
forced into having their houses  
lime-washed by the spray method.  
It was a matter entirely between  
the landlords and the tenants.

Dr. Tao said that he had heard  
that the sprays are used in  
America and giving satisfactory  
results. The fact that they are  
not giving much satisfaction here  
may probably be due to the fact  
that the Chinese workmen either  
could not handle the apparatus or  
performed their duty perfunctory.  
In some cases, the work-  
men might purposely sprinkle the  
floor with lime so as to get some  
cushaw for clearing up.  
Dr. Tao further said that the  
questions he had to ask arose out  
of the several complaints made  
by the Chinese community, and as  
their representative, he had to  
bring the matter before the Board.  
He therefore hoped that the Chi-  
nese Press would make a true and  
correct translation of Mr. Carrie's  
explanation.

### LOCAL VEGETABLES

#### REPLIES TO MR. BRAGA'S QUESTIONS.

At yesterday's meeting of the  
Sanitary Board, Mr. J. P. Braga,  
asked the following questions  
standing to his name:—

(1) Is the Government aware  
that large quantities of fresh vege-  
tables are regularly exported by  
steamers out of Hong Kong?  
(2) If statistics of such exports  
are available, will the President  
obtain the figures in respect of the  
month of December last and for  
the first half of the current month?  
(3) Will the President also  
state, as his opinion, whether the  
export in large quantities of fresh  
vegetables from the Colony tends  
to restrict supplies for the local  
markets, and if so whether any  
inadequacy of supply exists thus  
operating as a factor in the keep-  
ing up of prices of vegetables in  
Hong Kong?

Government's Policy.  
To the above questions, the Pre-  
sident replied as follows:—  
1.—Yes.  
2.—No statistics are available.  
3.—The policy of the Government  
has always been to maintain Hong  
Kong as a free port. It is quite  
likely that if restrictions on export  
were imposed the vegetables would  
not pass through Hong Kong at  
all. It is not believed that the ex-  
port restricts supplies for the local  
market.

### LOCAL SCOUTS.

#### INSPECTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

#### BANNER PRESENTED.

The Boy Scouts of Hong Kong as-  
sembled yesterday afternoon on the  
lawn in front of Government House  
for the annual inspection by H.E.  
the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi,  
K.C.M.G.) and the presentation of  
the Prince of Wales Banner to the  
1st Hong Kong Troop of Sea Scouts,  
who are the winners of the coveted  
trophy which they will hold during  
the year.

His Excellency was accompanied  
by Capt. Whyte, D.C., and  
amongst those present at the cere-  
mony were the Hon. Dr. R. H.  
Kotewall, President of the Hong  
Kong Boy Scouts' Association, Hon.  
Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Rt. Rev.  
C. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria),  
Mr. A. E. Ralphs, and Mr. R. E.  
Lindsell, in addition to the Rev.  
G. T. Waldegrave, the local Scout  
Commissioner, who was in charge  
of the parade, and District Scout-  
master A. White.

The Scouts were drawn up in a  
semi-circle with the Wolf Cub in  
the middle when H.E. the Governor  
passed along the ranks inspecting  
them.

#### H.E. The Governor.

After presenting the Banner to  
the 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts, His  
Excellency addressing the parade  
said:—

Boy Scouts.—I am glad to have  
this opportunity of inspecting you  
and I congratulate the 1st Hong  
Kong Sea Scouts on winning the  
Prince of Wales' banner. The  
Prince of Wales' motto is "I ser-  
vie," which means "I serve"; and  
you who have won this banner must  
show yourselves worthy to carry it  
by loyal and faithful service in that  
world-wide brotherhood of youth  
which is the Boy Scouts' Associa-  
tion.

During last year there came  
under my notice some actions by  
Scoutmasters and Scouts which  
were not creditable to the Associa-  
tion. I am glad to say that any-  
thing of this kind is very unusual;  
but I wish to address to you, one  
and all, a word of warning. It is  
the reasonable aim of every boy  
and man to "get on"—as the say-  
ing is—in life. But remember that  
a cynic has infected the phrase  
"get on" through the usual de-  
grees of comparison with this curi-  
ous linguistic result—"get on,"  
"get honour," "get honest." And  
I desire you to bear in mind that,  
unless your lives exemplify the  
superlative degree in that table of  
comparison, it will avail you little  
to "get on" or even to "get honour."  
This precept may stick in your  
memory more easily, if I put it into  
the form of a rhyme, thus:—  
If you want to get on and get  
honour, get honest!

The superlative first, or the rest  
of it non eat.

But the matter is put best of all  
in the Scouts' Law which says—"A  
Scout's honour is to be trusted."  
This law is fundamental and you  
must each of you obey it most  
scrupulously.

#### Competition Results.

The result of the competition for  
1927 was as follows:—

|                                                  |     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1.—1st H.K. Sea Scouts                           | 199 |
| 2.—7th H.K. Troop, King's Col-<br>lege           | 182 |
| 3.—20th H.K. Troop, 1st Cen-<br>tral             | 124 |
| 4.—6th H.K. Troop, Ellis<br>Kadoorie School      | 119 |
| 5.—10th H.K. Troop, St. Paul's<br>College        | 110 |
| 6.—8th H.K. Troop, 1st South<br>China A.A.       | 104 |
| 7.—12th H.K. Troop, Queen's<br>College           | 98  |
| 8.—16th H.K. Troop, Taikoo<br>Chinese            | 72  |
| Equal 9.—1st H.K. Troop, St.<br>Joseph's College | 61  |
| Equal 9.—6th H.K. Troop, Rov-<br>ing Fifth       | 61  |
| Equal 9.—19th H.K. Troop, 1st<br>Yaumatei        | 61  |
| Equal 12.—9th H.K. Troop, Tai-<br>koo Scottish   | 50  |
| Equal 12.—18th H.K. Troop,<br>Ying Wa College    | 50  |

Those gaining less than 100  
points were only able to complete  
in one of the two rallies.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall  
briefly thanked His Excellency for  
the keen interest he had shown in  
the Boy Scout movement, and for  
the sound advice which he had just  
given the Scouts.

The ceremony concluded by  
cheers being given for His Excel-  
lency.

### LOCAL LADY'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the  
death of Mrs. Osmund, mother of  
the Portuguese billiard champion  
of Hong Kong, who passed away  
yesterday afternoon. The funeral  
takes place this afternoon.

The tramp persisted in calling  
daily at her house.  
"Now, I'm going to give you a  
large piece of steak pudding, and I  
shan't expect to see you again for  
a long time," said the housewife.  
"Mebbe, lddy, mebbe," said the  
tramp gloomily. "You know y'r  
own puddens better'n I do."

### P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

The President of the Sanitary  
Board "brushed" away all objec-  
tions to lime-washing by sprays.

Magistrate (to prisoner accused  
of being drunk)—Is that your full  
name?

Jock M'Haggis—It's ma name  
whether I'm fu' or sober.

"I have three husbands to sup-  
port," pleaded the woman.  
"What?"

"Yes, sir. One husband's mine,  
and the others belong to my two  
daughters."

Husband: "I won't say marriage  
is a failure, but some are more for-  
tunate in what they get than  
others."

Wife: "You are quite right,  
dear; for instance, you got me, but  
I—got only you."

"Well, I never!"

"What's the matter, my dear?"

"Why cook says that those people  
who live in that little house op-  
posite came over here while we were  
away and were photographed sitting  
on our verandah!"

The Actress: "I don't wish to at-  
tract attention. I don't like public-  
ity."

The Press Agent: "Great stuff!  
We'll make a big story of this."

An old bell-ringer at a certain  
parish church though nearly in his  
80th year, performed his duties regu-  
larly. The old man had seen  
many changes take place in the  
church, and was therefore rather  
upset at the suggestion made by  
the new vicar that, in consideration  
of his great age, he thought it was  
time that he retired and put aside  
his work.

"Look here, sir," replied the old  
man, cheerfully. "I was born and  
bred in this place, and in me time  
I've seen five vicars of the parish  
dead, and I would like to make it  
half a dozen before I give up my-  
self."

"Why didn't you read your les-  
son over to yourself, as I told you  
to?" asked Mary's teacher.

"But I did, teacher," said Mary.  
"Then why don't you know it  
better?"

"I suppose I wasn't listening to  
myself!"

Kind Old Lady: "You say you  
stayed six months in Ireland, and  
couldn't find a job?"

Tramp: "Not at my trade, mum."  
"And what is your trade?"  
"I'm a snake charmer!"

"You wish to marry my daugh-  
ter. Can you cook, sew, wash, and  
iron, sweep, darn, nurse children,  
shop?"

The young man gave a puzzled  
laugh. "Why ask me if I can do  
these things?" he said.

"Because," said the elderly man,  
"my daughter can't."

The landlord was asking the pros-  
pective tenant a few questions.  
"Of course, you have no  
children?"

"No sir."  
"Any dogs or cats?"  
"No sir."

"Piano, phonograph or pianola?"  
"No, sir; I have no musical in-  
strument, though I should explain  
that my mountain pen squeals  
rather badly, but I am willing to  
get rid of that if you say so."

"Look pleasant, please," said the  
photographer to his (more or less)  
fair sitter.

Click "It's all over, ma'am.  
You may resume your natural ex-  
pression."

Six-year-old Billy was exasperated  
with the almost continuous  
squalling of his baby brother.

"I bet I know why he came from  
Heaven," Billy mused. "They put  
him out."

Farmer.—But your story has such  
a hollow ring.

Tramp.—That's the result of  
speaking with an empty stomach.

"Doctor, if there is anything the  
matter with me, don't frighten me  
half to death by giving it a long  
scientific name. Just tell me what  
it is in plain English."

"Well, sir, to be frank, you are  
lazy."

"Thank you, doctor. Now tell  
me the scientific name for it. I've  
got to report to the missus."

First Workman: "Wot's your  
opinion about this 'ere evolution  
man?"

Second Workman: "I ain't goin'  
to say. I remember as 'ow Elbery  
Green and me, thrashed that out  
once before, and it's settled as far  
as I'm concerned."

"But what conclusion did you  
come to?"

"Well, we didn't arrive at the  
hospital and me at the police sta-  
tion."



## POLICE RESERVE.

CHINESE CONSTABLE  
COMMENDED.

## THE SHARPSHOOTERS.

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police.

## Commendation.

Constable R.15 Ow Young King-heng is highly commended by the Captain Superintendent of Police for zeal and skill in the investigation of a case of "Conspiracy to Defraud" in November, 1927. Two men were convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour.

## General Inspection.

A general inspection of the whole Police Reserve by the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police accompanied by the Hon. Commissioner of Police will take place at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, January 31, at 6.15 p.m. All members are to attend. Dress—Winter Uniform. Belts without frogs. No cap covers, no truncheons. (Note.—This does not apply to the newly formed Sharpshooters Co.)

## Practice Inspection.

A practice inspection of the whole Police Reserve will be held at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, January 26. Dress—As above. All members of the Police Reserve are to attend.

## Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol for Thursday, January 26 is cancelled.

## Sharpshooters Co.

Uniform.—All members who have not been measured for uniform should call at Messrs. Tung Hing & Co., 60, Queen's Road Central as soon as possible.

Revolvers.—All members who are not at present in possession of their revolvers should draw same at O.C.'s Office, Government Laboratory, New Fire Station, 4th floor, any day between the hours of 9 and 10 a.m. and 2 and 3 p.m.

Revolver Practice.—All members who failed to pass Practice 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Sunday, January 8, and all members who have not yet fired should attend at the Kennedy Road Range on Sunday morning, 29th inst. at 10.00 a.m. Those in possession of revolvers should bring them.

(Sgd.) G. B. HARTFORD,  
D.S.P. (R),  
Adjutant.  
Hong Kong, Jan. 25, 1928.

## BISHOP'S DAUGHTER.

WELL KNOWN LOCAL COUPLE  
MARRIED.

## STEWART-LANDER.

A wedding of considerable local interest, which was attended by a very large assembly, took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon.

The happy couple, both of whom are very well-known in Hong Kong were Miss Dorothy Sarah Lander, daughter of the Rev. G. H. Lander, D.D., formerly Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, and now Suffragan Bishop of St. Albans, and Mr. Evan George Stewart of St. Paul's College, whose brother the Rev. A. D. Stewart, is the Sub-Warden of the College.

The bride who had been for some months on the nursing staff of the Matilda Hospital, was given away by the Rev. A. D. Stewart.

She wore a dress of white georgette and lace, with veil of Irish lace. She carried a bouquet of white sweet peas and maiden-hair fern.

She was attended by Miss Kathleen Ann Hewitt, who wore a dress of white net and a Dutch bonnet. There were also in attendance on the bride, two pages, Master Hugh Featherstone and Master James Stewart. The pages wore white sailor suits.

The duties of "best man" were carried out by the Rev. N. V. Howard, and the Rev. W. T. Featherstone (formerly domestic chaplain to Bishop Lander) and the Rev. E. W. L. Martin officiated at the Cathedral.

During the service, the hymns "Thine for Ever" and "O Perfect Love" were sung.

Mr. F. Mason (the Cathedral Organist) who was at the organ, played appropriate wedding music, and as the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral, he played Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

Outside the Cathedral photographs were taken, and a peal of bells were rung.

A reception was afterwards held at St. Paul's College Hostel, and later Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Tai-po, and also at Repulse Bay.

The bride's going away costume was a three-piece suit of beige frills and crepe-de-chine. It is interesting to note that the Rev. A. D. Stewart's wife was formerly Miss Lander, and is a sister of the bride of yesterday, an instance of two brothers marrying two sisters.

## PAPUAN EXPLORED.

PEAKS OF MT. EDWARD  
CLIMBED.

## "LAKES ON EVERY SIDE."

The Minister for Home and Territories (Mr. Marr) has received from the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua (Sir Hubert Murray) a report from Patrol Officer Pullen, who, accompanied by Mr. P. O. Hides, reached the top of Mt. Albert Edward, which is the highest, or seemed the highest, peak in Papua. This mountain has been ascended twice before, by Mr. Monckton in 1906, and by Father Dubuys in 1926.

## Story of the Trip.

Mr. Pullen's account of the ascent is as follows:—"With four acting constables and 21 carriers, Mr. P. O. Hides and self left Kuama at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. A cool breeze blew from the direction of Albert Edward, the central peak of which bears due north from Kuama. After a half hour's walk the junction of the Iwura and Waitape-Gollala Roads was reached. The track then led up-grade through scrub, until just on 9 a.m. we passed through a patch of marsh land. We were following the Kuama spur, which splits the upper part of the Chirima Valley. After 2½ hours still climbing, the Waitape-Gollala roads junction was reached, Albert Edward being always in view away to the right. The country was now hungry looking, with its stunted grass tufts and decaying forests. At 10 a.m. we were 10,175 ft. above sea level. Just before 11 a.m. we came to a small bushhouse, and learned that Pere Dubuys had made his first stage here on his trip last year. I decided to take advantage of the sunny weather, and pushed on still through desolate forests and patches of grass. Saw very little bird life, but numerous signs of the presence of pigs. It was really a pig track that we were following. Suddenly emerging from a patch of forest into a grass clearing, Mr. Hides pointed out an animal about 200 yards ahead. It had the head of a cat, but a sleek, dingo-like body, and certainly the dingo gait, while its tail was long and bushy. The fur was coloured black and white, and looked glossy. The animal was too shy, however, and got away into the scrub before we had recovered from our surprise. Our progress was now slow, owing to the marshy nature of the country, although the up-grade wasn't particularly difficult. At an altitude of 11,400 ft. we saw the first lake, a remarkably pretty sheet of water, icy cold, and having an average depth of about 3 ft. The carriers (these men had accompanied Pere Dubuys last year) were not scared by this time, as Pere Dubuys, last year, with his shotgun, had destroyed the evil spirits of the lakes. The track led us near many more lakes, and mostly through grass, the timber patches becoming poorer and more scarce. Although a good day for walking, the clouds completely obscured any long distance views on all sides. After five hours from Kuama we were at an altitude of approximately 11,900 ft., and, as the timber appeared to be giving out, I decided to camp. About 4.30 p.m. Mr. Hides and I strolled away from the camp, and came across a fine sheet of water, while the clouds cleared sufficiently to show us that we were within a few hours of the highest point of Albert Edward.

## Severe Cold.

"There was very little sleep in the camp that night. The cold was severe and in the morning the grass was crusted with frost, but there was no layer of ice on the water. Accompanied by three acting constables and some carriers, we left camp at 5.30 a.m. The morning was misty and cloudy, and the air crisp. Away down in a gully we heard the mournful howl of an animal, and the carriers said that it was made by the one we had glimpsed yesterday, or one similar. Soon afterwards we saw a huge boar silhouetted on the top of a ridge about 800 yards ahead. After an hour's walk through spongy grass we were at an altitude of 12,500 ft., where Pere Dubuys had made a camp last year—the tent poles are still standing. From this point we obtained a fair sight of the country from Mt. Yulo round to Mt. Victoria, but only a small patch of sea was visible, and this on the Port Moresby side of Kairuku. Bearings were taken to known points. We were now able to see lakes on every side, the largest having areas of eight to ten acres. After leaving the 12,500ft. mark all trees disappeared, and our path was by pig track through grass, very marshy. There was an abundance of a small bush, very similar to heather. The highest lakes looked deep, very deep, and each had an outlet, a miniature waterfall, to the one immediately below. It would take a considerably more facile pen than mine to accurately describe this interesting country, with its wide stretches of grassland, numerous lakes, small waterfall, towering peaks, and desolate forest land.

## Peaks in All Directions.

"We climbed steadily, but I am utterly at a loss to place the domes. There are peaks in all directions, with altitudes varying from 12,500ft. to 12,900ft., according to my aneroid readings (without adjustment). Distant views of Albert Edward show three well defined peaks, but it is no easy matter to place them when on top. After about 2½ hours from camp an altitude of approximately 12,900ft. was reached, and here we found a small cross erected by Pere Dubuys last year, also a bottle, in which was a paper written on as follows:—"28 June, 1926, Viglio des S. S. Piorro de Paul, Jules Dubuys, M. S. C. Ononcho, 24 Jun, Kovantu, 25 Jun, Sindabo, 26 Jun. Blode Gariba, 27 Jun." To the east we noticed a peak that looked slightly higher than the one we were on, and we reached it after a 20-minute scramble, but found, however, that the altitude was much the same. Went on to another peak in a northerly direction, but the altitude was only 12,750ft. Our view by this time was totally obscured, heavy cloud mist beating up, and light, cold rain began to fall. From the furthestmost peak it was noticed that the lakes were draining to the north-east. The highest altitude recorded was, therefore, 12,900ft., and we appeared to be on the highest peak. We left a small tin with Pere Dubuys's bottle recording our visit. On the way back we saw many more big wild pigs, all having very long hair, also some ducks on the lake. Two lakes had water of a Mediterranean blue colour. At the 12,500ft. mark a boy was waiting with a billycan of hot coffee, and never had it tasted more delicious. The weather had not treated us kindly, and we were not able to get as many bearings or photographs as we would have liked. Got back to camp after 1 p.m. The carriers did not like the locality, and were anxious to turn homewards. The country here is unique and very attractive, despite the gloomy forests, the low grass, and the lack of animal and bird life. Steady rain set in after our return to camp. Anyhow we will try to obtain more bearings to-morrow morning, while the carriers can start on the return journey. May is a little early for reliable weather.

## An Extensive View.

"Two Kuama boys left early on the Monday for their village to tell the acting constables and carriers to come to the junction of the Waitape and Gollala roads. Put in another almost sleepless night in spite of the fact that we warmed the tent early with a fire. At 5.30 a.m. the sky appeared much clearer than yesterday morning, and at 10 minutes to 6 Mr. P. O. Hides and I left camp for the 12,500 ft. mark, just to the West of the highest peak. The carriers and two acting constables broke camp, and started back towards the road junction, while two acting constables remained at the camp to await our return. In 40 minutes we were at the 12,500 ft. point, and were pleased to find that we had a magnificent view from Goodenough Island round to the west of the Mekeo plain, except for the portion blocked by Mount Victoria. Took some more bearings and photographs. Just before 8 a.m. clouds began to bank up, so we decided to return. Before reaching camp, and at an altitude of just over 12,000 ft., a break in the clouds, as well as a break in the mountains, gave us a view of the flat country towards Bunya, a long stretch of coastline, and Goodenough Island, in the right background. The police were delighted with the glimpse of the sea, and considerably excited when different land and sea marks were made known to them. We were able to locate the coastline near Bunya. Hydrographer's Range. Goodenough Island, Mt. Victoria, Mt. Victoria, Cameron Range, consting on either side of Tafa, Dilava, Mokoo Plain, Mt. Yule, and Gollala country, Barji and Musa valleys, Mt. Scratchley, and islands to the north-east of Goodenough. Started back towards Kuama. In clumps of decaying forests we found fine orchid blooms, salmon pink, red and white, and purple and white, and plentiful, too. Brought samples back with us to try out at Kambila. We turned our backs on the cold region with some little regret. I would like to remain at least a week up here, and I am sure that fresh delights would be opened daily. Found the carriers waiting at the road junction, and decided to camp. At 1.30 p.m. the police and carriers from Kuama arrived. Paid off the Kuama boys. No elaborate plans were made for this trip to Albert Edward. Four acting-constables and 25 carriers accompanied us, all unnecessary gear being left behind. The topography of the country is considerably less puzzling after having had a bird's eye view of the ranges, plains, and some coast line. I learned to-day that Monckton's poles were on a peak to the west of the higher peaks, and to the track followed by us. That peak is really obscured when Albert

## PRINCE OF WALES.

RECEIVES 70 CANADIAN  
FARMERS.

## FAMILIAR FACES.

Rugby. Yesterday. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales today received at St. James Palace 70 Canadian farmers visiting this country.

The Prince recognised several whom he had met when he visited his Canadian ranch last year, and conversation turned mainly on farming matters in which his Royal Highness is keenly interested.—British Wireless Service.

## SAMOAN TROUBLE.

ACTION BY LEAGUE OF  
NATIONS.

## OPPOSITION, PLEASE.

Wellington, Yesterday. Prompt action by the League of Nations to preserve the historic rights of the Samoans is advocated by Mr. Holland, leader of the Opposition, replying to Mr. Connel's statement. He declares that the recall of Major-General Richardson, Administrator of Samoa, is an immediate necessity.—Reuter.

## KIUKIANG.

GENERAL DETERIORATION  
SHOWN IN THE PORT

## ALL DOORS LOCKED.

Kiukiang, Jan. 11

Just about a year ago Kiukiang was evacuated, and we were amongst the last of the little party to leave the port. What exciting days they were too; with the boycott of Britain, the difficulty of getting supplies, the threats of the mob, and the untiring patience of the naval authorities, until there came the final rush of mob and soldiers taking possession, looting the houses, and forcing the evacuation—never to be forgotten days. Then the over-crowded steamer, with over 300 foreign passengers, instead of the normal 30 or 40. So to Shanghai and "safety."

Now we are back again, and in passing one would like to mention the comfort of the return journey by the intermediate class, lately introduced by Jardine, Matheson and Co., on some of their steamers.

The cabins, saloon, and service were all very good, and one would venture to prophesy that when things become more normal, this class will be largely patronised. The firm is to be congratulated on its enterprise: it is what has been needed for many years. The institution of a purser also adds to the convenience of travel.

## Changes During the Year.

What changes has the year brought to Kiukiang? Outwardly there is little change, except that the port shows a general deterioration, as regards the upkeep of the streets, and there is an air of neglect about the place.

There seem to be a number of police about the streets, but thieves abound, and one has to keep all doors locked.

One cannot fail to notice in getting about that the people are far more respectful than they were last year in the days preceding the evacuation. Numbers of them have had a pretty hard year, especially those who depended on the Kiukiang season to make money; there was certainly "nothing doing" for them.

Prices of all commodities, except rice are very high, and trade is very bad. And this is not to be wondered at, for duty, taxes and dues on all goods coming into the port are exorbitant. One has had to pay 40 per cent. of the value of groceries, in getting them imported from Shanghai, and transhipped to Nanchang. Besides this, coolie hire is at least five times higher than it was.

## Conditions in the Province.

Passports have been granted for some of the male missionaries to return to the interior, and the China Inland Mission is planning to have their vacant stations visited.

Workers of the German Alliance Mission have remained at their posts all the time, and report the situation quiet; they go about the country without molestation, and are generally welcomed by the people. In some parts of the province however, brigands abound.

Edward is viewed from any point east to south-west.

The animal seen by the party on May 14, was probably the same species as that seen by Sir William MacGregor on Mt. Scratchley.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre; "Gold Rush."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The College."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Wedding Song."

January 27—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; Concert and Dance, 7.30 p.m.

January 28—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; "Impromptu Concert, 7.30 p.m."

January 29—Queen's Theatre; "The Irresistible Lover."

January 29—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; Musical Evening, 7.30 p.m.

January 29-30—Star Theatre; "The Desert's Toll."

January 29-31—World Theatre; "Way Down East."

January 30-February 6—Queen's Theatre; "Bon Hur."

January 31-February 1—Star Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."

February 2—26—Craigsgower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dances.

## Sports.

January 28—American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

## Lammerts' Auction.

January 30—At 7 Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

## Meetings.

February 7—Twenty-third annual meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the Offices of Messrs. Dowell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 9—Annual meeting of Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

## Miscellaneous.

January 29—Theosophical Society Lecture, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

## VIOLENT SQUALLS.

THE THAMES AGAIN IN  
FLOOD.

## VEHICLES BLOWN OVER.

London, Yesterday.

The country has been swept by fierce gales accompanied with thunderstorms, heavy rain, hail, sleet and snow, culminating in a succession of violent squalls.

A man was blown over and killed at Kingston and another killed at Leeds when a wall, under which he was sheltering, was blown down.

A number of motor-cars and lorries were blown over in the roads around London.

A ballast train had a narrow escape near Haerlech, when a landslide of hundreds of tons of rocks and earth crashed on to the line.

The Thames is again in full flood and running bank-high for several miles in the lower reaches and vast areas are inundated in Cheshire. The bodies of cattle and sheep are floating in the Mersey and many other districts throughout the country are flooded.—Reuter.

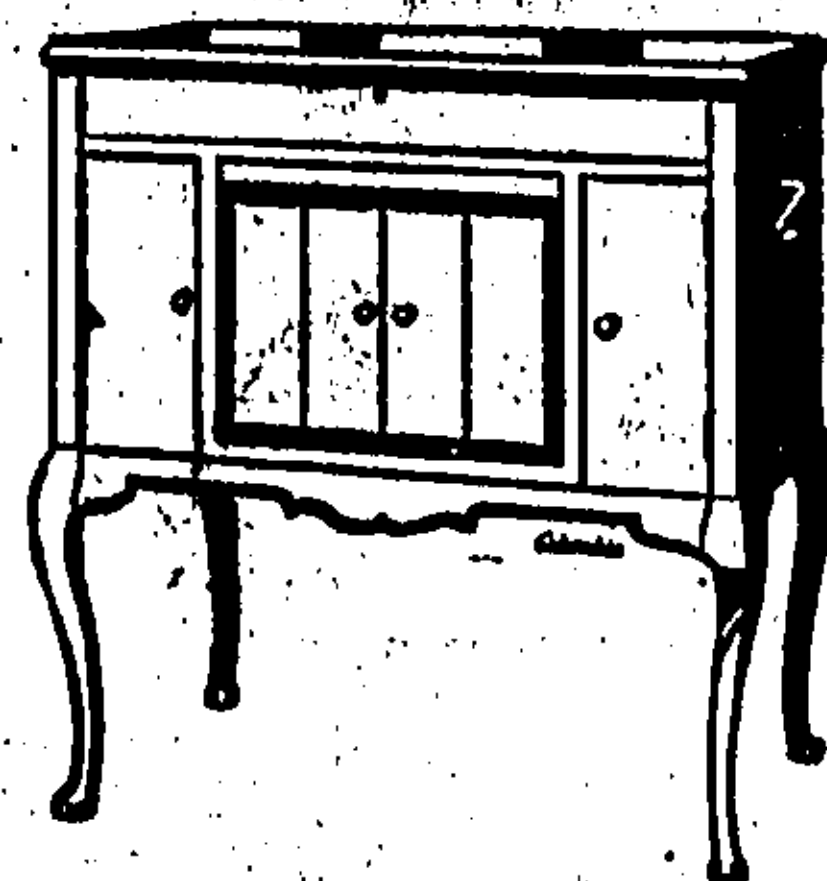
CUNARDERS' CHRISTMAS DAY  
AT SEA.

The Cunard liner "Aurania," which sailed from Liverpool for Halifax and New York forms the vanguard of six Cunarders, totalling 100,000 tons, which crossed the Atlantic Ocean on Christmas Day. Furthermore, two other Cunarders, totalling 40,000 tons, the "Franconia" and "Carinthia," have been cruising on Christmas Day, so that the total Cunard tonnage then at sea was 140,000 tons.

A twenty-foot Christmas tree, illuminated with several coloured lights and laden with gifts, formed part of the decoration of the "Mauretania" when she left Southampton for New York. The Cunarder was in mid-Atlantic on Christmas Day, and after the usual divine service, arrangements were made for passengers to enjoy all the festivities of a Christmas ashore. These included the distribution of gifts by Father Christmas, and a children's party. A gargantuan banquet was held in the evening. The chefs paraded the liner's magnificent oak panelled dinner hall with barons of beef and the usual Christmas fare, included Empire puddings made from the recipe of the King's chef. This was followed by a carnival dance in the ballroom. It was specially decorated for the occasion with myriads of coloured lights, bunches of mistletoe, holly, evergreens and flowers.

An Englishwoman, Miss May Whitting, thirty-one, has died at Tarragona of injuries in a motor accident.

A child, aged 11, two women, and two men, each aged 82, were remanded at New Ferry, Cheshire, accused of betting offences.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Twelve lives are feared lost in a  
mine explosion at Sama de Langreo,  
Spain.

The cost of getting justice in this  
country is never cheap and it is  
difficult to get it at all.—Lord  
Sumner.

The Rev. Brother Timothy, who  
had been attached to St. Francis  
Institution, Malacca, has gone to  
Colombo.

Miss Elsie Janis, the American  
revue actress and mimic, has ar-  
rived in London on a visit from  
New York.

According to Dr. Johnson the  
Devil was the first Whig, and you  
may say the Dean of St. Paul's is  
the last.—Dean Inge.

In a month 500 eggs have been  
stolen from boxes landed at Hull  
and placed in sheds at the Albert  
Dock to await railway transit.

Is any man good enough to say  
that another man must live and  
suffer pain and disease beyond  
hope or health?—Dr. A. Tweedie  
Simpson.

The Hamilton-Smith collection of  
war medals and decorations has  
realised more than £20,000 at  
Messrs. Glendinning's auction rooms,  
Argyll Street, W.

England is the only civilised  
country where you can hear educa-  
ted people declaring that they know  
nothing at all about literature and  
care less.—Mr. W. B. Maxwell.

Miss Maude Royden, the woman  
preacher at the Guildhouse, Eccles-  
ton Square, Westminster, is about  
to pay a visit to India, China, and  
the Far East, and may visit Malaya.

Dr. J. B. Westerhout has return-  
ed from leave in England and has  
resumed duties as Port Health  
Officer, Penang, which post was  
filled by Dr. Karunaratne during  
his absence.

Mr. Herbert William Neale, a  
chauffeur, of Southampton, delay-  
ed by fog in crossing to Cowes,  
arrived at Carisbrooke Church, Isle  
of Wight, too late for his wedding  
and the ceremony had to be post-  
poned.

A crooked chimney-stack 180ft.  
high at the cotton mills of Messrs.  
Eckersleys, Ltd., at Wigan was  
strengthened by Messrs. John  
Tinker and Sons, steepjackers, of  
Huddersfield.

A Norfolk rector's ban on the  
words "Peace, Perfect Peace," as a  
text on a tombstone was overruled  
by the Chancellor of Norwich  
diocese, Mr. F. K. North, at the  
Consistory Court at Norwich.

A valuable hound was killed and  
others had narrow escapes when a  
goods train ran into the Blankney  
park when they were crossing the  
railway in pursuit of a fox near  
Boothby, Grafton, Lincolnshire.

Sir Campbell Rhodes unveiled a  
stained glass window at the Bunyan  
Menting Church, Bedford, in  
memory of John Rowan Steven, a  
Bedford School boy, who was  
drowned while trying to save his  
friend in the River Ouse.

Arthur Pengrey, aged 22, of  
Alfreton Road, Nottingham, was  
killed and two other men were in-  
jured when a wall collapsed on  
them while they were demolishing  
the "Green Dragon," an old public  
house in Friar Lane, Nottingham.

Terms of a provisional agree-  
ment between the Motor Insurance  
Company, Ltd., and the Royal Ex-  
change Assurance have been an-  
nounced. Motor Union share-  
holders are advised by their direc-  
tors to accept an offer of £9 15s.  
payable in cash, for each fully-  
paid £1 ordinary share, this price to  
include all profits for the current  
year.

Chicago.—Mr. Albert Lasker, ex-  
Chairman of the United States  
Shipping Board, and his wife, have  
donated 1,000,000 dollars to the  
Chicago University for the estab-  
lishment of the Lasker Foundation  
for Medical Research into the cause  
and prevention of disease among  
middle aged and elderly persons,  
with a view to ascertaining how to  
prolong human life.

Mr. H. R. Cheeseman, Inspector  
of Schools, Penang, is leaving for  
Johore in February. The Johore  
educational system is being re-  
organised and Mr. Cheeseman has  
been selected to be the first Super-  
visor of Education there. Mr.  
Cheeseman, who is a most capable  
officer, will be greatly missed in  
Penang, where he has been con-  
nected with education for 20 years.

Mr. Walter Hill, head of Messrs.  
W. Hill and Company, Ltd., adver-  
tising agents, of Southampton-row,  
W.C., died, aged eighty. He  
was one of the pioneers of scientific  
advertising, and established him-  
self as a publisher and advertising  
contractor, with special reference  
to poster advertising, and built up  
the extensive business which bears  
his name. Mr. Hill was the origi-  
nator of the Billposters' Censor-  
ship Committee in 1890, and draft-  
ed the rules under which it has  
since operated. At his death he  
was a director or managing direc-  
tor, and in most cases chairman of  
no fewer than forty-five companies.  
While in his eighty-first year he  
made a journey to Buenos Aires.

Our charity embraces the earth.  
—President Coolidge.

A racehorse may be described as  
an equine speculation.—Mr. Justice  
McCardie.

What monster was it who in-  
vented after-dinner speaking?—  
Lord Hewart.

Probably more books have died  
of length than of any other disease.  
—Mr. Robert Lynd.

The Prince of Wales has sent £10  
as a special Christmas donation to  
the Salvation Army.

"Jewish children are the best at-  
tenders at London elementary  
schools."—Sir Robert Blair.

The annual meeting of the St.  
Peter's Y.M. Club will be held to-  
morrow, at 8.30 p.m. in the Club  
House, under the chairmanship of  
the Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong.

The death took place at Muar  
of Towkay Ho Boon Leam, one of  
the oldest Chinese residents of  
Muar, and the chairman of the Hua  
Khlow Steamship Company, trading  
between Muar and Singapore.

Mr. Lim Koon-teck, a young bar-  
rister who received his legal train-  
ing at the Middle Temple and who  
has filed his petition for admission  
to the Singapore Bar, has been ap-  
pointed a Deputy Registrar of the  
Supreme Court, Singapore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Groves are  
staying in Nice for the winter.  
Since he retired from the F.M.S.  
Public Works Department Mr.  
Groves and his wife have spent  
most of their time wandering about  
the Continent. He has had bad  
health, says the "Malay Mail," but  
has recovered and now looks well.



A new portrait of Aristide  
Briand, Minister of Foreign  
Affairs of France, who is more  
familiarly known as "the grand  
old man of France." This new  
portrait study is one of the  
favourites of Briand.

A fine of \$25, or three weeks' jail  
was yesterday imposed by Mr. W.  
Schofield at the Kowloon Magis-  
tracy on a Chinese charged with ex-  
posing unwholesome pork for sale.  
A Shantung policeman actually saw  
the accused selling some of the  
pork to a woman and arrested him.  
The pork, according to Mr. M. J.  
Reidy, assistant Colonial Veterin-  
ary Surgeon, was putrid and unfit  
for human consumption.

Cargo worth \$2,000 was stolen by  
pirates last week when they attack-  
ed a trading junk bound from Taipei  
to Bias Bay. The attack was made  
near Chingtaukok. The pirates  
had no difficulty in getting along-  
side the trader, and five men armed  
with rifles boarded her. Not content  
with removing the cargo, the pirates  
took the junk's passengers on board  
their craft and then sailed for their  
den in the Penghol district. Four-  
teen of the prisoners were later  
released, but three are being held  
for ransom.

That he had worried because he  
had been cited as co-respondent in  
a pending divorce case was stated  
at the inquest on Frederick  
William Seymour Hosley, thirty-  
nine, teacher at King's School,  
Canterbury, who was found dead in  
a room at a Paddington hotel. Mr.  
Jecks, solicitor, said Hosley had  
denied there was any truth in the  
allegation, but he felt that what-  
ever the result of the case he would  
have to resign his position. A  
doctor said death was due to  
poison. In the room were two  
bottles, and a glass which contain-  
ed acid crystals.

Many old boys of the Bedford  
schools resident in the East will  
be interested to know that Mr.  
Alec Allen, after fifty-six years as  
boy and master at the Bedford  
Modern School, has retired and is  
now living on the South Coast.  
Mr. Allen, who was familiarly and  
generally known as "Kipper," left  
the impress of a forceful charac-  
ter upon his school. In particular  
he did a great deal for sport both  
in town and school. His son, Mr.  
G. N. Allen, who was stationed in  
Singapore about ten years ago with  
the Chartered Bank and afterwards  
served in Ceylon, is now with the  
bank in Japan.

We shall manage to exist even  
though Charlie Chaplin is in the  
United States.—Lord Danesfort.

The Rev. A. C. E. Jarvis, M.C.,  
Chaplain-General to the Forces,  
has been appointed Chaplain of the  
Tower of London.

M. Ernest J. Solvay has been  
elected to the board of Imperial  
Chemical Industries in place of Sir  
John Brunner, resigned.

Mr. S. C. Yeomans has arrived in  
Penang from Bangkok, to take up  
the appointment of assistant editor  
of the "Straits Echo."

Mr. H. W. Morgan, of Harrison's,  
Barker, Kuala Lumpur, who re-  
cently underwent an operation in  
Singapore, has gone to Brastagi.

A canary which was heard sing-  
ing when the firemen arrived was  
suffocated when a fire broke out in  
a house at Baring Place, Peckham,  
S.E.

Employers took the places of em-  
ployees and continued the painting  
and decorating of a new big build-  
ing at Newcastle, where a dispute  
arose.

Mr. Tan Seng Kee, eldest son of  
Mrs. Lim Nya of Chop Hup Choon,  
Sitiawan, returned to Malaya on  
December 29, from a trip to  
America.

The Rev. David Hill, B.D., minis-  
ter of the principal Congregational  
church in Belfast, has resigned his  
charge to take up medical practice  
in England.

Mr. J. B. Wallace is expected  
back in Malacca from leave early  
in February, accompanied by his  
bride. They are passengers by the  
"Aeneas."

The Prime Minister declined to  
set up a Royal Commission to in-  
quire into the housing of the poor-  
est sections of the working classes  
in urban areas.

A man has been detained by the  
police concerning the death of  
John Thompson, aged 54, a carter,  
of Davies Court, Boughton, Chester,  
after a disturbance in the Court.

Sir Herbert Mitchell, until re-  
cently Clerk of the Council of the  
Duchy of Lancaster, has been ap-  
pointed a member of the Council  
on the retirement of Mr. John  
Leonard Bolden.

Sir Joseph Bradney, a governor  
of the National Library and the Na-  
tional Museum of Wales, who is  
68, was married at Holy Trinity  
Church, Sloane Street, S.W., to Miss  
Florence Prothero, of Chepstow,  
Monmouthshire.

A staff said to have belonged to  
the last watchman who called the  
hours in Bond Street is among the  
collection of truncheons belonging  
to Mr. A. Landenburg, of Sunning-  
dale, Berkshire, to be offered for  
sale at Messrs. Sotheby's.

Mr. H. E. Dening, the new mayor  
of Chard (Somerset), has been ap-  
pointed for the 34th successive year  
captain of the cricket club, of which  
his brothers and Mr. H. W. Lar-  
combe have been respectively vice-  
captain, treasurer, and secretary  
for the same period.

During a dense fog a packed  
L.N.E.R. excursion train, going  
from Gainsborough to London, ran  
into the rear of a L.M.S. train at  
Peterborough Station. The rear  
coach of the L.M.S. train, which  
was just leaving the station, was  
telescoped and one passenger, John  
Perkins, thirty-nine, of Coly  
Weston, Northants, was severely  
injured. Picks and crowbars had  
to be used to extricate him.

Daniel Driscoll, one of the three  
men sentenced to death at the  
Glamorgan Assizes, is to apply to  
the Appeal Court for permission to  
bring forward new evidence. It is  
stated that if the evidence is per-  
mitted a new light will be thrown  
on the death of David Lewis, the  
boxer. Driscoll's friends at Cardiff  
have opened a fund to defray the  
costs of the appeal. It is expected  
that appeals will also be lodged on  
behalf of the brothers Rowlands.

After forty-five years in the Civil  
Service, Mr. Hugh Broadbent, Civil  
Assistant Director of Naval Intel-  
ligence—who during the war was  
the right-hand man of "Blinker"  
(Sir Reginald) Hall has retired.  
"The Naval Intelligence Depart-  
ment," he said in an interview,  
"carried through some very seri-  
ous business. Sir Reginald Hall  
became known as the 'anti-spy' of-  
ficer. He initiated many bold enter-  
prises and successfully carried  
them through. We are always pre-  
pared for the contingency of war."

Mr. Roy Royston, the actor, now  
appearing in "The Girl Friend" at  
the Palace Theatre, has become en-  
gaged to Mrs. Laura Gould, an  
American widow, and a member of  
the wealthy Gould family. Mr.  
Royston is twenty-eight years of  
age. His first stage appearance  
was at the age of eleven, as one of  
the children in the Haymarket  
Theatre revival of "The Blue Bird,"  
and later he gained fame as a boy  
actor. He played Lucius in the all-  
star cast of "Julius Caesar" at the  
Shakespearean Tercentenary per-  
formance at Drury Lane in 1916.  
He served as a lieutenant in the  
R.A.F. during the war and won the  
M.C.

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How the event was celebrated in Peking, Canton and Hong  
Kong is set forth in this week's issue of the "Overland Mail."

The Kwangsi regime in Canton seems to be settling down;  
the only item of interest from that centre during the past few  
days has been the report of the capture of 30 Communists near  
the city on New Year Eve. These were promptly shot.

In the North Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang and his troops are  
moving towards the capital, but are at least some 300 miles  
from this objective. There has been some fighting, an account  
of which appears in the "Overland."

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## SPORTS

## INTERPORT GOLF.

## MATCH SERIES STARTS TO-DAY.

## THE PROGRAMMES.

With the arrival of the Shanghai Interport golfers the revised programme of matches has been settled, as under:—

To-day—Hong Kong v. Manila. Fourballs over 36 holes.  
Friday, Jan. 27—Hong Kong v. Shanghai. Foursomes over 36 holes.  
Saturday, Jan. 28—Manila v. Shanghai. Fourballs or Foursomes (morning) and Singles (afternoon), each over 18 holes.  
Sunday, Jan. 29—Hong Kong v. Manila. Singles over 36 holes.  
Monday, Jan. 30—Hong Kong v. Shanghai. Singles over 36 holes.  
8 p.m.—Interport Dinner at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.  
Tuesday, Jan. 31—Both teams sail.

## NEW YEAR MEETING.

## Results Of Fencing Competition.

## Bogey Pool.

P. P. J. Wodehouse (18), 6 up wins.

F. A. Merry (16), 4 up second.  
Other scores:  
H. F. Bloxham (5) and D. Forbes (14), 2 up.

I. H. Geare, E. C. Frederick, A. E. Wood, F. S. Harrison, A. Piercy, F. A. Perry, and F. Taylor, all square.

Medal Round (36 Entries).  
E. C. Frederick, 85—15=70, wins.

F. Cowherd, 86—14=72, second.  
Other scores:  
F. A. Perry ... 90—17=73  
W. L. Dunbar ... 81—8=73  
G. Murray ... 81—7=74

Mixed Bogey (16 Pairs Entered).  
Mrs. Dowdell and F. A. Redmond 3 down win.

Others scores:  
Mrs. Bridger and A. K. Henderson ... 4 down  
Mrs. Gore and Col. Matthews ... 5 down

Best Ball Score (24 Pairs Entered).  
G. Davidson and Lt. Comdr. W. D. Brown, 78—13=65, and T. S. Whyte Smith and D. J. Gilmore, 76—11=65, tie.

Other scores:  
A. Leach and W. L. Dunbar ... 75—9=66  
H. G. Hegarty and F. S. Harrison ... 77—10=67

## A.P.C. CUP.

Last Monday, in the final round of the cup played for under handicaps by members of the A.P.C., D. G. Bruce beat T. D. E. Pendered, the Captain of the Interport Team, after an exciting finish. Pendered stood 4 up on his opponent with 6 holes to go, but lost five of the remaining holes to be beaten on the last green.

## SPORTSMAN'S DEATH

## LOSS TO THE AMERICAN TURF.

## Cleveland, Yesterday.

The death is announced of the millionaire steel magnate and race horse owner, James Corrigan, who died suddenly while entering the Athletic Club here.—Reuter's American Service.

## BOXING.

## SHARKEY TO MEET RIZKO

## Boston, Yesterday.

Jack Sharkey has signed articles for a 15-round bout with Johnny Rizko of Cleveland to be held in New York on March 12, the winner to meet Tunney for the heavyweight title in the Summer.—Reuter's American Service.

## THE WARATAHS.

## RECEIVED BY THE KING AND QUEEN.

Their Majesties the King and Queen received the New South Wales Rugby football team, known as the Waratahs, at Sandringham. The team had lunch and tea with Their Majesties.—British Wireless Service.

## FOOTBALL.

## SCOTTISH CUP TIE RESULTS.

## SECOND ROUND DRAW.

Glasgow, Yesterday.  
The replays in the Scottish Cup ties resulted:—  
St. Johnstone 0; Hearts 1 (after extra time).

Dundee United 2; East Fife 1.  
The postponed match resulted:—  
Dumbarton 2; Hamilton Academicals 3.

The draw for the second round, to be played on February 4, resulted:—  
Forfar versus Kilmarnock.

Forbes Mechanics v. Hearts.  
St. Mirren v. Vale of Athol.  
Dundee United v. Dundee.  
Dunfermline v. Leith Amateurs.  
Partick Thistle v. Nithsdale Wanderers.

Stenhousemuir v. Alloa.  
Ayr United v. Falkirk.  
Armadale v. King's Park.  
Motherwell v. Raith Rovers.  
Rangers v. Cowdenbeath.

Airdrieonians v. Hamilton Academicals.  
Queen's Park v. Morton.  
Brechin City v. Albion Rovers.  
Third Lanark v. Hibernians.  
Kelth v. Celtic.—Reuter.

## CRICKET.

## THIRD TEST MATCH IN AFRICA.

## ANOTHER DRAW.

Durban, Yesterday.  
In sunny weather, on a fairly fast wicket, and before a moderate attendance, the third test match was resumed.

South Africa scored 381 for six wickets, of which Nicolson had 78 and Morkel 42, before lunch.

South Africa scored 464 for eight wickets and declared. Deane scored 73 and Nupen 69.

England had scored 39 for one wicket up to the tea interval.  
Tyldesley scored 62 not out and Holmes 56.

England scored 132 for two wickets.  
The match was thus drawn.—Reuter.

## Bad Light.

## Rugby, Yesterday.

Bad light stopped the play.  
The fourth test begins at Johannesburg on Saturday.—British Wireless Service.

## DEMPSEY AGAIN?

## RICKARD'S SURPRISING ANNOUNCEMENT.

## TO FIGHT TUNNEY.

New York, Jan. 16.  
Heavyweight Champion Gene Tunney will fight his next battle against the same man who was his last opponent—former Champion Jack Dempsey.

Announcement to this effect was made here to-day by the well known fight impresario Tex Rickard, who thereby blew away with one mighty blast the cloud of black hanging over the heavyweight field.

As forecast by the United Press last week, Dempsey has been virtually chosen for another return bout against the champion for some time.

Original plans were, however, that Tunney would have a winch first at the winner of the lamented Heeney-Sharkey affair of last week. When that went to pieces with a gentle wheeze there was nobody left in the field but Dempsey.

Will Fight in June.  
Rickard said to-day, in making the formal announcement, that the Tunney-Dempsey battle would take place in June. The place has not yet been decided.

Former information had been that Heeney or Sharkey would meet Tunney in June and Dempsey would meet him in September, as it was assumed Tunney would be champion.

The winner of the Tunney-Dempsey go will meet the winner of the second eliminations. The first eliminations—leaving out of consideration the Heeney-Sharkey fiasco—will take place on February 10 when Jack Delaney meets Johnny Rizko in New York City.

Delaney is one of the few big boys still standing any chance at all, and Rizko has been coming up from the status of heavyweight "trial horse" to where he commands real attention as a potential challenger in his own right.

"Suite Me."  
Miami Beach, Jan. 16.  
"It suits me," was the laconic comment of Champion Gene Tunney to-day when informed of Tex Rickard's plan to match him against Jack Dempsey in June.

Dempsey's satisfaction is assumed as the bout will give him one more chance to scramble back into his old title, to say nothing of the numerous hundreds of thousands of dollars which will doubtless accrue to his bank account.—United Press.

## RULES OF GOLF.

## A CONUNDRUM AND A CHALLENGE.

## MANY PENALTIES.

A few days ago I played, and beat, an old and valued opponent in a team match (writes A. C. M. Croome in the "Morning Post"). This is an extraordinarily ingenious fellow, and gifted with imagination and a strong, if peculiar, sense of humour. At the end of the round he asked me a conundrum, over which he must have expected a considerable amount of time and energy, since no one propounds a conundrum without having provided himself with an answer. Here it is:—

"How many penalty strokes can a golfer incur in the playing of a single stroke?"

I thought I had done rather well as the result of a few minutes' rumination when I was able to suggest as many as seven. But he said that was not nearly enough, and recommended me to read the Rules of Golf and try again. I have followed his advice, and can now work the tally up to seventeen, more than double my original estimate. I would not put it past him, knowing him of old, to improve on my figures by as much as thirty per cent. By the way, it is assumed, for the purpose of this discussion, that the player commits no breach of any rule more than once.

## Down In Twenty.

Let it be supposed that X has played his tee-shot to a short hole into a deep bunker within twenty yards of the pin. Telling his caddy to stand on the edge of the bunker and give him the line, he descends into the bowels of it, taking with him two clubs, a masher, and a niblick. He plants the masher in the floor of the bunker, proposing to play the shot with a niblick—penalty two strokes.

Then he changes his mind, throws his niblick to his caddy, and lifts the masher from the sand—penalty two strokes. After he has taken his stance the ball moves—one stroke—and starts to run down hill towards a patch of casual water. He takes up a fresh stance and hits at it while it is still moving—penalty two strokes. Incidentally, he touched sand in his back-swing—penalty two strokes.

His caddy had forgotten to move off the line before his master began to strike—penalty two strokes. His master made a foul shot and hit the ball twice—penalty one stroke. The ball as it came out grazed the caddy's cap—penalty two strokes—went on and struck the pin—penalty two strokes. It then went out of bounds, and, as its owner was playing for the medal on a course where the Rules of Golf are properly observed, he lost a stroke as well as the distance. The poor fellow had to drop in the bunker, and he really deserved to hole his third shot to be down in twenty.

I have an iron, which has some associative value, besides being intrinsically quite a good golf-club. I offer it as a prize to the golfer who can beat my guess at the possibility of penalties. The original propounder of the conundrum is barred from competing. Should two or more competitors tie, the destination of the prize shall be decided by lot. Competitors are at liberty to invent a different set of circumstances if they so please, but any local rule whose assistance they invoke must be one actually existing somewhere to-day.

## Let Us Praise Famous Men.

In order to arrive at my estimate of possible penalties, I read the Rules of Golf through from beginning to end. To the best of my knowledge and belief this was the first occasion on which I have indulged in that not uninteresting pastime, though, of course, I have made countless references to the printed text. The Rules were drafted before I was required to serve on the Rules of Golf Committee. So my admiration for the breadth of view, the sanity, the felicity of literary expression which informs the work done by Captain Burn, Chairman of the Committee, and Mr. J. L. Low, his chief assessor, is not in any degree prompted by prejudice.

I can discover no reason why any gamster of average mental capacity should be in doubt about the conduct proper to any set of circumstances conceivably likely to occur on any normal golf course. Rule 12, which provides for the accident of a ball becoming unfit for play, might be made more precise if the word "change" in the second sentence of it were explained. I have heard one argue that the changing should be effected by dropping, because "drop" is the term used in the first sentence. But the two sentences are divided by a full stop, not by a semi-colon, and the punctuation refutes that argument.

I can find no other instance in which it can reasonably be maintained that the best words do not occur in the best places. Nevertheless, a Scottish golfer of some eminence remarked to me the other day that, since the English had taken to the game, its rules had become ludicrously abominable in

## TO DEFEND TITLE.

## TUNNEY'S ONE BATTLE THIS YEAR.

## HEENY AS CONTENDER.

Tex Rickard, the old "I Cash Cauliflower" man, is not particularly enthused over Gene Tunney's proposal to defend the heavy-weight championship in two outdoor fights during 1928. The promoter is of the opinion that once a year is quite often enough for heavy-weight championship fights.

"It takes six months to get ready for one of them affairs," said Tex the other day.

If Rickard really intends to build a suitable outdoor arena in the vicinity of New York City, it is obvious that Gene Tunney will do no fighting before September. The arena couldn't be finished before that time.

Gene sent word to me last month that he would like two outdoor bouts in defence of his title. He suggested July 4 and the latter part of September. Yes, anxious reader, he counts upon winning the first one—and says it won't be a long count, either.

## Tex Unwilling.

But Tex Rickard will not permit Tunney to fight elsewhere than in the largest available arena, so it's quite likely that the champion will spend a Safe and Sane Fourth. It would be entirely against all the promoter's business principles to risk holding a heavyweight championship fight in a ball park or other limited area in July, while going ahead and preparing a bigger and better arena for a second title fight a couple of months later.

## Nay, nay, Pauline!

For one thing, Gene Tunney might sit in the resin a second or two too long this time, in which case his conqueror most certainly would take it on the lam for the nearest vaudeville agency—and where would the second of the summer's two championship fights be then?

No, Rickard is right. Once a year is at least often enough to watch Gene Tunney defend his championship.

It is interesting to learn that Tunney considers Tom Heeney, the rugged New Zealander, best of the heavy-weight contenders next to Dempsey.

Tom is a stout fellow. We will see him in action against Jack Sharkey and then we will know more about his championship qualifications.

For one reason, if for no other, we would like to see Heeney win his way through the elimination tournament and face Tunney in a battle for the heavyweight championship.

The reason is Charley Harvey, Heeney's manager, chief second, booster and pal. Charley is one of the few lovable characters in the fight racket, a man who makes association with some of the inner workings of the business a little less unpleasant.

It would be great if Charley could come into some of the big money. He deserves it.

sulting, and a lot of other things that I cannot now remember. He could not quote chapter and verse to justify his statement.

## That Bournemouth Worm.

It is also the fact that upwards of a thousand questions are annually addressed to the Rules of Golf Committee. The questioners could themselves have answered the vast majority of them by reference to the Rules or to decisions on them already given and published. The case of Bournemouth worm, which provided the subject of a leading article in the "Morning Post" recently is really one of this kind.

The posing of all these questions may be due to ignorance or laziness. But there is no getting away from the fact that they are posed. Therefore one must face the inference, that the Code of Rules is not in its present shape a wholly satisfactory, and decisive guide to correct conduct. Can it be that the very perfection of the drafting is the source of the trouble? Has it caused players to mistrust their own gentlemanly instincts, and to "play to the whistle" in a game ordinarily conducted without the assistance of referees or umpires? If the answer is in the affirmative, the remedy is simple.

The Rules could be redrafted so as to make them express no more than the fundamental principles on which golf must be played, and whose articles expunged which endeavour to set out in detail the precise manner in which those principles should be put into practice. For example, a golfer, who has firmly implanted in his mind that he must do nothing to improve the lie of his ball after he has brought it into play does not need to be told when and where he may sole his club.

## LEASES IN CHINA.

## UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFER TO LOT-HOLDERS.

## FULL TEXT.

Following is the full text of the questions and answers in the House of Commons, recently, on the subject of British Crown property, as given in the official records:—

Sir F. Hall asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs what is the value of the leases in Chinese treaty ports which were conceded to Great Britain by the Chinese Government between 1851 and 1861, and which are now to be given up; whether the interests in question were acquired by purchase; if so, on what terms; how many separate properties are affected; whether all of these are now in the hands of British subjects; whether the terms of surrender will provide for the properties not being disposed of in any way that might be detrimental to British interests; and whether other foreign Powers are adopting a similar policy in this matter?

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department, as representing the First Commissioner of Works what Crown property he holds on Chinese territory; what is the total estimated value at present prices of this property; whether it is being disposed of; if so, at what price; and what is the reason for this sale, surrender, or gift of national property?

## No Guarantee of Tenure.

Sir A. Chamberlain:—Most of the information asked for will be found in the Treasury Minute dated December 7, which has been presented to the House. The value of the leases cannot be accurately assessed at the present moment; but, according to a valuation made in 1922, previous to the outbreak of the anti-foreign agitations in China, the worth of the reversionary interest in the land and buildings held under leases with an unexpired term of approximately 30 years was £730,000; at a later date it was anticipated that these reversionary interests might have realised about £400,000. The position in China, however, renders it impossible to proceed with the scheme for the sale of these interests without guarantees of tenure, which would be wholly inconsistent with the policy of His Majesty's Government. The land was acquired under perpetual lease from the Chinese Government, to whom a fixed ground rent continues to be paid, and concurrently by purchase from the actual Chinese owners. The concession areas are situated at Tientsin, Hankow, Kiukiang, Chinkiang, Amoy, and Canton; they consist of a total of 232 acres, divided into 234 lots. These properties are chiefly in British but partly in other hands. They are to be transferred to the present lot-holders without payment and unconditionally, except for proviso that the lot-holders shall bear any expenses arising from the assignments.

As regards future ownership, I have no reason to anticipate any change likely to be detrimental to British interests, but I must remind the Hon. and Gallant Members that it is the policy of His Majesty's Government to relax rather than to extend British control in the administration of these municipal areas. Other foreign Powers had immediately transferred their perpetual leases to their respective lot-holders; and in no other case was a foreign Government ground-landlord of any similar area in Chinese territory.

## Market Value Practically Nil.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy:—Do I understand that we are getting no return from these tenants for the giving up of Crown property worth £400,000?

Sir A. Chamberlain:—I should be very sorry to assess the value of the property to be transferred at £400,000, or anything like that figure, to-day. You cannot sell a property unless you are prepared to give a good title, and as we are not prepared to guarantee the future of these properties, their value in the market is practically nil. It is really not possible that His Majesty's Government should, in the altered conditions, remain ground landlords in Chinese territory.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy:—Will it not make it more difficult in the future, if we give up this property to the tenants, to negotiate with the Chinese authorities?

Sir A. Chamberlain:—No, I think not. I think the contrary will be the case.

Sir F. Hall:—Am I right in assuming that no ground rent is being paid to the Chinese authorities, seeing that we have not possession?

Sir A. Chamberlain:—I think I told my Hon. and Gallant Friend

Sir F. Hall:—You said it had been paid.

## CINEMA NOTES.

## BUSTER KEATON'S LATEST COMEDY.

## LAUGHS IN "COLLEGE."

Buster Keaton's capital new comedy, "College," will be the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. "College" presents Buster as a book scholar and a muf at games. His girl, Mary, nicely played by Anne Cornwall, urges him to athletic prowess. He goes into training. Here is a rich interlude, with Buster trying everything he can think of on an Olympic Games ground. He cuts a sublimely ludicrous figure with every athletic implement, and his calm despair after every failure is extraordinarily amusing. By a cleverly devised sequence, he runs to the rescue of his girl and on the way accomplishes every feat that has hitherto floored him. "College" is full of droll incidents and comical thrills. It is undoubtedly the happiest of all Buster Keaton's comedies.

## "THE GOLD RUSH."

"The Gold Rush," Charlie Chaplin's greatest comedy, is the feature attraction at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. With that genius which is peculiarly his own, the famous screen comedian has depicted with subtle tender and delicate master-strokes the struggle of man's eternal hunt for happiness, its heartbreaks and tears and its laughter and joy. Against a background of the tragedy and misery suffered by the pioneers who first journeyed to ice-bound Alaska for gold, he has built the funniest comedy of his career, a picture that can be seen again and again with undiminished pleasure.

## "THE WEDDING SONG."

The new picture at the Star Theatre to-day is "The Wedding Song," with Leatrice Joy in the leading role. The story deals with a band of crooks who plan to rob a young islander of pearls worth a million. The plan works well until the girl crook unexpectedly falls in love with the intended victim. Then things happen indeed. The scenes range from the coral strand of a tropic isle to the underworld of San Francisco and back again. There are several thrilling incidents. The supporting cast is excellent, with Robert Ames as the leading man.

Sir A. Chamberlain:—I said "to whom a fixed ground rent continues to be paid." A ground rent will be payable by the lot-holders to whom the property is transferred.

Sir F. Hall:—Is it equitable that ground rents should still be paid, and yet at the same time the lease-holders of the properties may have no value in them at all?

Sir A. Chamberlain:—My Hon. and Gallant Friend is mistaken in saying that the property has no value to them. It has not a marketable value which we could sell in the present circumstances, but, of course, it has a value to the lot-holders.

## A Question of Claim.

Mr. Kirkwood:—Arising out of the original answer, is the Foreign Secretary aware that the same kind of negotiation that is now being carried through with this company in China was going on during the Labour Government's tenure of office, and that the Labour Government turned it down, the reason being that we have no claim on this land at all, and yet, if anything happens in China, our forces will be sent out to defend this land, which is not ours at all, but which belongs to the Chinese? [Hon. Members:—"Speech"] I would like a reply.

Sir A. Chamberlain:—I do not know whether this is the proper time for a debate. I must not make a speech in answer to the one which the Hon. Gentleman has just delivered. I do not know to what he is referring when he talks about "this company." It is for the very reason that we are not prepared to employ our forces in guarding this property that we are unable to sell it with a marketable title.

Colonel Wedgwood:—May I ask the Right Hon. Gentleman two questions? In the first place, why are we not having a continuous policy in this matter; and, secondly, is it not the fact that these lease-holders have bought and sold their title to the land for a long period of years, always subject to the British Government's right of reversion? Has not this right of reversion entered into every transaction concerning this land, and why are we now surrendering it?

Sir A. Chamberlain:—We are surrendering the right of reversion because His Majesty's Government feel that it is incompatible with the newer conditions in China that we should continue to occupy the position of ground-landlords in that country.

## Mr. Kirkwood rose.

## Mr. Speaker:—We must not continue to debate the matter.

## MONEY &amp; SHARES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—  
Bank wire ... 2/ 3/4  
Bank on demand ... 2/ 3/16  
Bank 30 days' sight ... 2/ 3/4  
Bank 4 months' sight ... 2/ 3/4  
Credits 60 days' sight ... 2/ 1/4  
Documentary 4 months' sight ... 2/ 1/4

On Paris—  
On demand ... 1245  
Credits 4 months' sight ... 1820  
On Berlin—  
On demand ...

On New York—  
On demand ... 49 1/2  
Credits 60 days' sight ... 50 3/4  
On Bombay—  
Wire ... 133 1/2  
On demand ... 133 1/2

On Calcutta—  
Wire ... 133 1/2  
On demand ... 133 1/2  
On Singapore—  
On demand ... 86 1/4

On Manila—  
On demand ... 93 1/4  
On Shanghai—  
On demand ... nom.

80 day's sight (private paper) ...  
On Yokohama—  
On demand ... 104 1/4

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ...  
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ... 2/1  
Silver (per oz) ... 26 3/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong ... 2% prem.  
Chinese Copper Cash nom.  
Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem.  
Rate of Native Interest ... 7% p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin ... 28 3/4 dis.  
Hong Kong Sub. Coin par.  
LONDON EXCHANGES.  
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Paris ... 124  
New York ... 187 15/32  
Brussels ... 34.99  
Geneva ... 25.31 1/2  
Amsterdam ... 12.08 1/4

Milan ... 92.10  
Berlin ... 20.44  
Stockholm ... 18.16  
Copenhagen ... 18.20  
Oslo ... 18.315

Vienna ... 34.675  
Prague ... 184 1/4  
Helsingfors ... 193 1/2  
Madrid ... 28.925  
Lisbon ... 29 1/2

Athens ... 367 1/4  
Bucharest ... 790  
Rio ... 5 29/32  
Buenos Aires ... 47 1/2  
Bombay ... 1/6 1/16

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Hong Kong ... 2/10 1/2  
Yokohama ... 2/10 1/2  
Silver Spot ... 26 3/16  
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T.T. on Shanghai ... 7 1/2  
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do. Lon. Reg. ... £1200 b  
Chartered Bank ... £314 b  
Mercantile A. & E. ... £352 n

do. C. ... £14 n  
P. & O. Bank ... £10 n  
Bank of East Asia ... £73 1/2 b

Insurance ...  
Canton Insurance ... £500 n  
Union Insurance ... £300 b 801 sa  
North China Insurance ... £145 n

Yantai Insurance ... M. £404 n  
China Underwriters ... £240 n  
China Fire Insurance ... £315 n  
H.K. Fire Insurance ... £380 n

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Douglases ... £40 1/4 n  
H.K. Steamboats ... £25 1/2 n  
M.K. Tugs & Lighters ... £35 s

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do. (Def.) ... £40 n  
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# THE WORLD OF BOOKS

## IDEAL THRILLER.

HIGH-BROW NOVELISTS OF  
 TO-DAY.

If we could analyse the ingredients of the popular shocker ably enough to put the component parts together again, we should be free of financial care for all time. Nothing in the sphere of writing pays so well as the "best-seller" mystery (writes S. P. B. Mals in a London paper). This must be the reason why the ordinary novelist is so contemptuous of his richer colleagues. Envy of other men's success has the strangest effect on the literary artist. The majority of novelists rely on experiences which they themselves have actually undergone for their material. It falls to the lot of most of us in a sedentary age to have few physical experiences of any outstanding interest, even to ourselves, but to make up for poverty here by a multitude of spiritual experiences, we become introspective. Our novels are all intensely subjective. The mystery mongers are just as intensely objective. Their books are not an index of their characters.

No one could tell what Mr. Edgar Wallace is like from "The Mixer." No one could fail to tell what most of our psychologist-novelists are like from their scarcely-at-all veiled autobiographies. It is the writer of the shocker who gives his imagination rein, who brings us into touch with circumstances and people of a sort that we are extremely unlikely to meet with in ordinary life. We only wish, sometimes, that we could. It is a strange tradition that would place a nauseating description of a perverted mentality higher in the category of art than a thrilling detective story.

Style. It is suggested that few of the shockers of to-day will be read a hundred years hence. It is equally certain that very few of the high-brow novelists of the age will be read after their death. What is strange about the full-blooded dramatic objective narrative is the slipshod style in which it is often presented. The men who have nothing to write about except their own tedious mental development polish their phrases until their sparkle often makes us mistake for brilliance what is merely the polish of a surface over which one pen has run many times. The mystery mongers, on the other hand, having exhausted themselves by inventing a sufficiently tangled plot, seem often to have no energy left to clothe the bare bones with verbal artistry. They are satisfied if they present you with a volume akin in its starkness to Bradshaw.

It has been all to the good of the detective story that stylists have come into the field. A quartet like Lord Charnwood, Lord Gorell, Father R. A. Knox, and G. K. Chesterton can do much to show the other competitors in the field the advantage of trying to make unusual people like murderers and burglars, blackmailers and prisoners, resemble men and women of our acquaintance. The old-fashioned sensational writer was so intent on piling on the murders that he forgot to make any of his characters live at all. Now it is the object of the thriller, to absorb us wholly, so that we forget the claims of children who want assistance in the matter of algebra, of wives who wish for advice in the choice of fabrics, of brothers and sisters who need a fourth at tennis or bridge.

We take thrillers on holiday in order to forget the whole civilised world. We read them, too, at other times when we want to forget, for one reason or another, life as it actually is. The ordinary modern novel is expressly intended to remind us of and to rub home facts about ourselves that at such times and in such moods we really for once try to forget. But, while we wish for a complete change, we do not wish this change to mean a denial of reasonable comforts. We want clean linen, good dinners, stimulating conversation, and, except in theory, absence of danger. If we suddenly determined to cut

## THE "FUGITIVE."

HATED BY THE  
 AUTHORS.

Several modern American authors with outstanding reputations base their novels on the reputed blattancy of the small-town American. Mr. Sinclair Lewis and his school are severely criticised by Miss Margaret Prescott Montague in "The Forum Magazine." Miss Montague calls her article "The Fugitive Seeks Sanctuary."

The "fugitive" is the average hero of the average American novel, and the "sanctuary" that he seeks is almost anywhere except the kind of situations that his authors put him in. He finds his sanctuary in the pages of "The Forum," but the authors set their bloodhounds on him, and not until he has stuck exclamation points through them and "brained" them with a handful of semi-colons does he at length escape to the real American small town which, Miss Montague persists in believing, is a very pleasant place to live in. But Miss Montague lets her hunted character speak for himself, which is more than his authors always do. "Why do the authors so furiously hate me?" he asks. "Heavens, how very weary I am of all this wickedness." But he adds dolefully that his authors keep him wicked, and so, "not being allowed to reform, I continue to function in my wicked way all through the backwoods and small towns from Nevada to New York State."

Miss Montague explains in a note to the editor that what she personally sees in the American small town is not at all what the fashionable novelists see, but instead "pleasant little dooryards spilling all over with summer bloom," and presumably also, people as pleasant as their dooryards.

The editor himself, in a one-page comment, agrees with Miss Montague.

adrift from society, and spend a brief hectic period of excitement in the society of criminals we should probably be knifed, shot, or imprisoned before we had even scented adventure. How much wiser, then, to have all the fun and none of the risk by satisfying our blood-lust vicariously.

What is Wanted.

But in the ideal thriller we ask something more than danger. We want a problem at least as difficult of elucidation as a chess problem. We like plans of the house, timetables, movements of all characters concerned, so that we can detect flaws in the alibis for ourselves. The good mystery story ought to make us feel that we have been empanelled on a jury, and it is of paramount importance that we should suit all the evidence ourselves, and convince ourselves that we are not condemning an innocent to death or letting the guilty go free.

To glut oneself with a succession of mystery novels is a mistake. They should be sandwiched between, say, a re-reading of Gibbon and of Johnson. Again, they should be selected with extreme care. There are even more inept "shockers" on the market than there are inept high-brow novels. Too many murders defeat their authors' object. Once we begin, Macbeth-like, to wade knee-deep in blood, our sensitive reaction to it is succeeded by tedium. Better a game of billiards than this succession of horrors. One ghost may give a man the creeps. A score would become congenial company, or just a nuisance, like cats mewing in the street. Far too often these coming craftsmen overreach themselves by letting their vivid imaginations run riot. The psycho-analytic novelist spins out of no material a long-winded dissertation on nothing. An inferior sensation writer heaps material on material with such dire effect that in the end he proves as exhausting and dull as reading of a list of deaths of people of whom we have never heard.

## "TEARS, IDLE TEARS."

AMAZING FIGURE IN THE  
 CHURCH.

It is doubtful whether the Church of England (which is a comprehensive institution) ever produced a more amazing figure than Laurence Sterne. "Tristram Shandy" is a novel which, had it been written by a layman, would have evoked adverse comment in the austere circles. Coming from a cleric, its audacity is enough to take one's breath away. If Sterne set out with the intention of shocking his readers, he certainly succeeded.

At the same time, it is probable that Sterne was less black than he has been painted, or that he sometimes painted himself. That he was an exemplary parish priest is to the last degree unlikely. He was a temperamental philanthropist, and an incurable sentimentalist, but there is no reason to suppose that his devotion to all and sundry of the weaker sex led him very far from the strict path of rectitude.

"The Letters of Laurence Sterne," selected by R. Brimley Johnson, afford a very fair indication of the man's character. Of them all the most interesting are those addressed to Eliza.

Eliza Draper, who made so great an impression upon Sterne that he declared he "could never see the incomparable Mrs. Draper without bursting into tears," was born in 1744. When about 15 she married Daniel Draper, of Bombay, whom she afterwards left to elope with a naval officer. In January, 1767, she brought her children to England to be educated, and it was on this occasion that she encountered Sterne.

Subjugation Complete. Her subjugation of the impressionable cleric appears to have been fairly complete. Rumour must have been busy with the names of the two friends from the start, for we find Sterne writing to his daughter as early as February 23, 1767: "I do not wish to know who was the busy fool who made your mother uneasy about Mrs. (Draper); 'tis true that I have a friendship for her, but not to infatuation. I believe I have judgment enough to discern hers and every woman's faults."

The truth of this estimate is to some extent borne out by a perusal of the letters. These, indeed, need not be taken too seriously. "My wife," Sterne writes in one of the later letters, "cannot live long—she has sold all the provinces in France already—and I know not the woman I should like so well for a substitute as yourself. . . . Not Swift so loved his Stella, Scarron his Maintenon, or Waller his Sacharina, as I will love and sing thee, my wife elect!" Now this is emphatically not the language of a lover, and it may be doubted whether Sterne was capable of so deep and abiding a passion as that of a lover. There is much in his character that is genuinely likeable, but little that compels our respect. Perhaps, however, to apply to him Shakespeare's epithet, "Alas, poor Yorick!" would be beside the point. At least, he had the consolation of his unfulfilled tears.

## LE GALLIENNE.

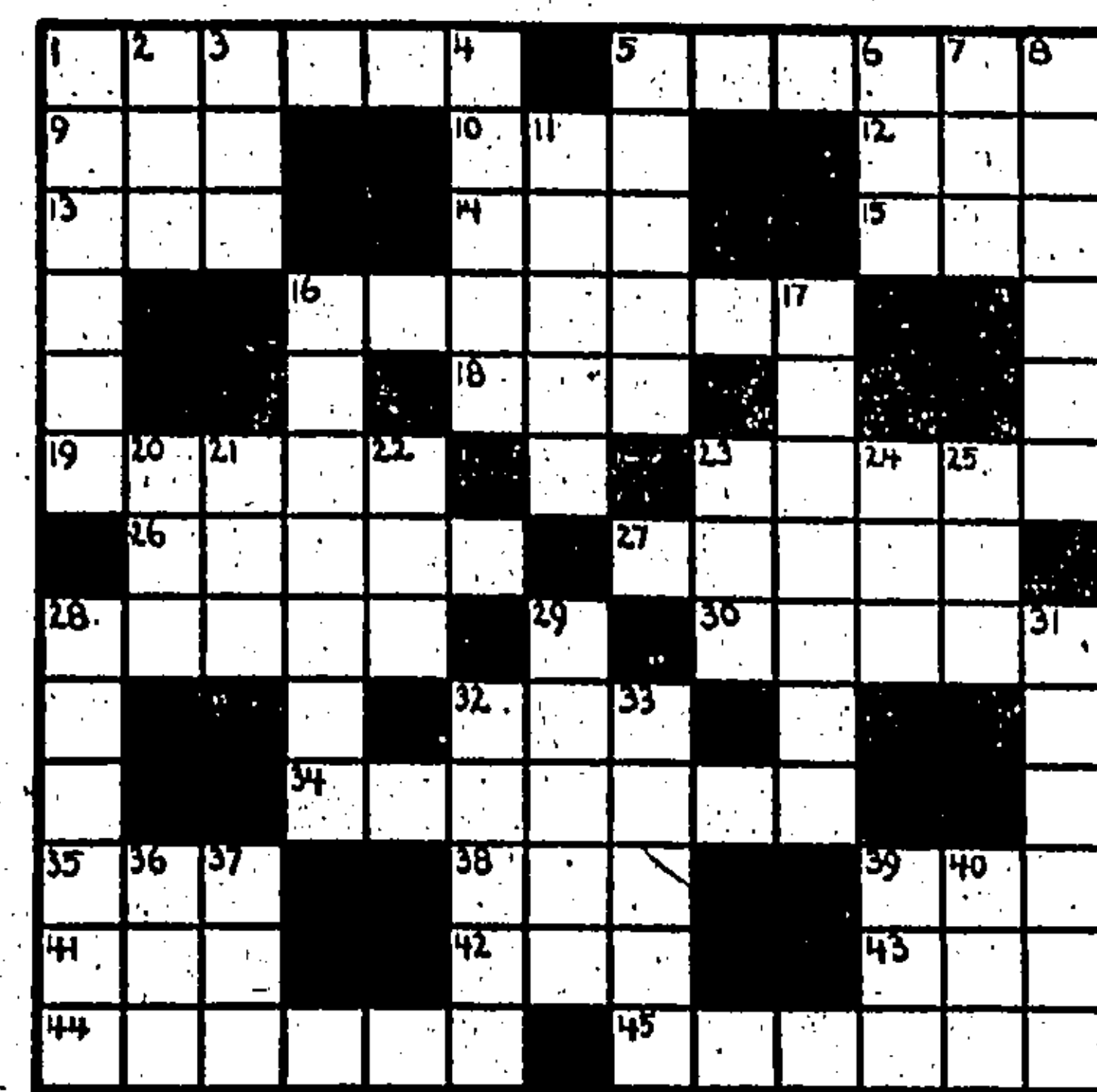
HOW HIS FIRST VOLUME  
 WAS RECEIVED.

Before Humbert Wolfe came on the scene Richard Le Gallienne was, perhaps, London's handsomest poet. His looks, however, did not help him when he first sought to make his reputation as a poet.

Sir Robert Donald, in an article in "T.P.'s and Cassell's Weekly," tells how Le Gallienne's first volume of poetry was received. He was an attractive personality with well-moulded classic features, as delicate and refined as a woman's. When he published his "English Poems" he may have hoped to take London by storm—repeat the Byronic precedent, and become famous in a day. He reckoned without Bernard Shaw. G.B.S., or, rather, Corno di Bassetto, was given the volume to

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>  | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b> | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b> |
| 1-Rigid            | 34-Scholarly              | 15-Hard rock            |
| 2-To make still    | 35-Wadger                 | 17-Atone for            |
| 3-Bashful          | 36-Part of fish           | 20-Previous to          |
| 4-Shoemaker's tool | 37-Single individual      | 21-Sap of certain trees |
| 5-Court            | 41-To have obligation     | 22-Settled down upon    |
| 6-Fish eggs        | 42-Enemy                  | 23-Member of congress   |
| 7-Famous American  | 43-Gained by victory      | 24-Writing fluid        |
| 8-Fresh            | 44-Fresh                  | 25-Shattered side       |
| 9-And not          | 45-Sanctified persons     | 26-Malice               |
| 10-Smirk           |                           | 27-Wireless             |
| 11-Farm post       | <b>VERTICAL</b>           | 31-Blocks of twelve     |
| 12-Lawful          | 1-Hasty writing           | 32-Platted collar       |
| 13-A tumble        | 2-Also                    | 33-Wastes away from     |
| 14-Early Teutonic  | 3-A cereal                | 34-anxiety              |
| 15-Fish net        | 4-Animal                  | 35-Amazement            |
| 16-Forward payment | 5-Cry of a sheep          | 37-Writing implement    |
| 17-Bare            | 6-Seed of wheat           | 38-Concede              |
| 18-Light blow      | 7-Game of cards           | 40-Used in negation     |
|                    | 8-Causing death           |                         |
|                    | 9-Human being             |                         |

**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.**  
 Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

review, and he simply sacrificed poor Le Gallienne. Among the cruel things he said was that Le Gallienne was the type of versifier who was longing for you to die so that he might enjoy the opportunity of mourning you in verse.

Le Gallienne made a gallant attempt at a neat rejoinder as follows:—  
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 Flattered new born in delicate array,  
 How bruised and broken in the mud

you lie,  
 Surely some elephant was passing  
 by;  
 Or those mad herd of Galilean swine  
 Have hoofed across that pretty page  
 of thine;  
 A nightingale the Minotaur hath  
 torn.  
 So seems my little murdered book  
 this morn,  
 Bury it gently where no eye may  
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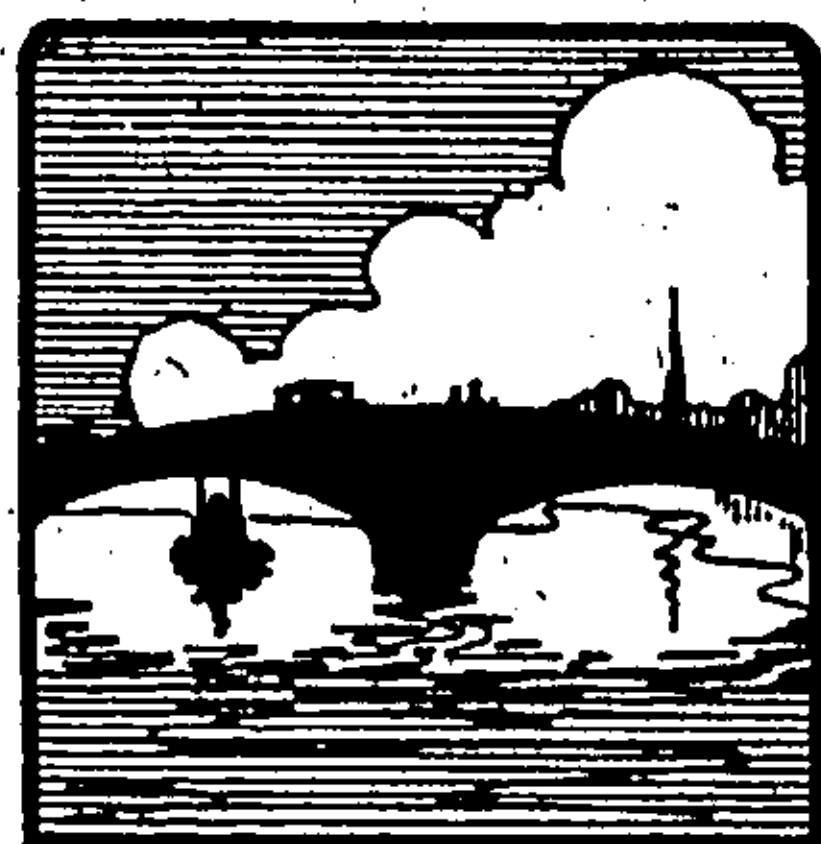
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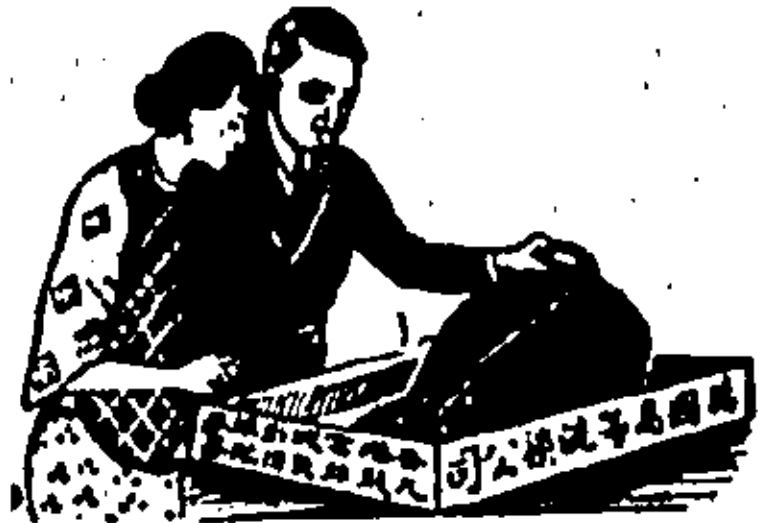


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## HARBIN ACTIVITIES.

### HOLIDAYS DURING PRESENT YEAR.

#### RUSSIAN PASSPORTS.

Harbin, Jan. 5.  
The weather in Harbin has been very fickle this winter, for the real cold did not begin till the middle of last month with some mild days intermingling. The consequence has been many people laid up with severe colds, influenza, etc., and in not a few deaths. Over 30 degrees of frost was registered at New Year, but this did not keep people from celebrating in traditional style New Year's Eve. All the clubs, hotels, restaurants, and cabarets were crowded, each offering some special attraction; at most of the places all tables were booked ahead, so that many late-comers were turned away, whilst with one or two exceptions, dancing was impossible, so jammed were the rooms.

According to Russian custom, calling on New Year's Day is imperative. At noon the Civil Administrator held a reception for foreign guests who then went on to the Railway Club, where the principal railway officials were "at home," and from thence on to the commercial Club, where a huge luncheon was served, the hosts being the big-wigs of the local commercial world and the guests the Chinese officials and Russian railwaymen. There were no untoward incidents anywhere, for the average Russian is superstitious and wants no trouble at the New Year.

#### The Hand of Holidays.

The holidays are by no means over here, for Russian Christmas Day is on Saturday next, which means another two holidays, which everybody, be he foreigner, Chinese, or Russian, keeps up. Whilst on the theme of holidays, the official list of the Chinese railway holidays for 1928 has just been published; they amount to 40 in all and to these must be added 52 Sundays, 15 Saturdays during the summer when the railway offices remain closed, and a dozen or more special holidays which are always sanctioned by the Board of Directors. This means that the railway office staff have over 120 free days during the year.

Nowhere in the world are there so many holidays as in Harbin, for the railway does not count the Jewish feast days, the bank holidays, and a few more stray ones that crop up unexpectedly during the year. Business men from China and Japan, who had made up their minds to spend only three or four days here, usually are forced to remain at least double the length of time, and usually puzzle their brains in finding out what sort of holidays are being kept. The reason of it all is the overlapping of international traditions which the various nationalities are bent upon keeping up, thus it is that old Chinese and Chinese Republican, old Russian and Soviet, British, American, Japanese, and Jewish holidays are all observed, and naturally if the Railways and the banks, or one or the other are closed, there's nothing doing—to use an Americanism.

#### Soviet Passports.

The local Chinese authorities have protested to the Soviet Consulate about the wording of the Soviet passports issued to Soviet citizens. The wording is entirely in Russian, and the words "right to reside" have replaced the word passport. The Consul replied that as the word passport was not Russian but French, a Russian translation had been made, but of course the Chinese did not fall to this, the word passport meaning the exact opposite to "right to reside," for passports were originally specially given only to persons who wished to go from one country to another. The Consul has thus been forced to apply to Moscow, and no doubt the obnoxious words will be changed, for the Chinese are quite right in this instance, every non-treaty subject being forced to take out a "right to reside" permit at the Police Administration.

As regards White Russians, who have no passport at all except this police permit, it is hard to understand how it is the Chinese Government does not fall in line with other countries belonging to the League of Nations and issue the so-called Nansen passport or certificate of identification. The issuing of this would be welcomed by the thousands of Russian emigres now residing in China and at the same time bring in some extra revenue to the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is at liberty to charge what it likes for them. The representative of the League of Nations to China for the last two years had been trying to get Peking to agree, and he is now again in Peking on the same errand. It would in no way interfere with the police permit that is issued in the Special Area

of Manchuria, as it has nothing to do with the right of residence.

As matters stand now, a White Russian residing at Shanghai or any other port wishing to come into this Area, has to get a passport from the Local Bureau of Foreign Affairs, which is taken away from him if he stays in Harbin for more than a few days and he is forced to take out a temporary police permit to reside longer, when he or she wishes to return, permission has to be obtained first from the police and then another application made to the Harbin Bureau of Foreign Affairs who issue a new passport. All this procedure involves a great waste of time and the spending of a good deal of money, though the person does not go out of China. With the Nansen Passport, a great deal of this unnecessary bother would be avoided, for a visa on leaving each place is all that would be necessary.

C. E. R. Contracts.  
The C. E. R. has of late been giving out some large contracts for railway supplies. The tender for new rails has been divided; half to be supplied by a local firm representing French works and the other half between two German firms representing German concerns. The Railway Administration presented an estimate for this year's railway improvements amounting to some 32 million gold roubles. A special commission appointed by the Railway Board, cut this down to 12½ millions, and this amount will be in all probability passed by the Board. The chief items of expenditure are as follows in round figures:

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| General railway improvements in Harbin   | 850,000   |
| Building of New Railway Schools dept.    | 750,000   |
| Construction of sidings and platforms    | 3,000,000 |
| New engines and cars                     | 1,100,000 |
| New storage warehouses, etc.             | 1,000,000 |
| New buildings, etc., for railway workers | 3,000,000 |
| New Electric light installations         | 2,500,000 |

All this is a very good sign and shows that at least part of the railway profits are to be spent on the spot. The cottage system of housing railwaymen is being done away with, and instead, large two storey buildings with steam heating, bathroom and lavatory accommodation are to be erected. These will be divided into small self-contained flats. Electric light plants are to be installed at all important railway settlements along the line, and new school houses are to be built for the use of children of railway workers.

Reduced Cost of Electric Light.  
Most residents are rejoicing in the big drop in the cost of lighting, but two months ago householders were paying as much as 35 sen a kilowatt, but thanks to the advent of the tramways, which are operated by the Harbin Electric Co., a Chinese concern, but German built, the Japanese owned electric light plant as well as the private Russian plants owned by the Sungari Mills and Choorins, the price has been brought down to 17½ cents local money or 13 sen. As war is still being waged between these different concerns it is possible that the price will again be reduced until some one goes out of business or there is an amalgamation of interests when a reaction will occur. This, however, will take some time, so one need not worry any more about watching the meter.

New Broadcasting Station.  
The Kellogg Radio Corporation have just finished installing the new broadcasting station which belongs to the Mukden Government, and can be proud of their work, the station being the most up-to-date of its kind in the Far East. It is located in the centre of New Town, and has a modern and well furnished studio attached. Owing to the absence of the Chinese director, the official opening has not yet taken place, but nevertheless the station has begun operating. No doubt within a short time all radio fans in the Far East will be listening in the COBB, for arrangements are being made to have receivers at the Railway Club Theatre where Grand Opera is being played five times a week and at other popular amusement resorts, whilst the broadcasting studio is to arrange for special concerts in certain days. There is no lack of talent in Harbin; for Russian artists of all genre like to make Harbin their headquarters for a part of the year: at any rate, feeling themselves more at home here than in any other part of the globe, even if there is a dearth of filthy lucre. —"N. C. D. News."

## POISON DEATH.

### SHOULD DOCTOR HAVE TRIED TO SAVE HIM?

#### POINT NOT FOR JURY.

The problem of whether a doctor should have tried to prolong the life of a patient who had taken laudanum and whom he believed he could not prevent dying was further discussed at the inquest, concluded at Sheffield on John Robinson, 71, an Attercliffe master asphaltier.  
Dr. A. T. Simpson said at the original inquest three weeks ago that when he found Robinson suffering from an overdose of laudanum he took no measures to preserve his life. He said, "There was nothing to be done except to let him die, and even if there was anything I could have done I should have hesitated very much before I tried to bring him back to life."  
Mr. J. Kenyon Parker, the coroner, adjourned the inquest because the police surgeon, Dr. Carter, believed that death was due to natural causes in a man suffering from chronic dropsy and advanced heart disease. Dr. Simpson was not present at the hearing.

#### Fatal Dose.

Mr. John Evans, the public analyst for Sheffield, said that he found in the contents of Robinson's stomach 0.55 grains of morphine, which was equal to one drachm of tincture of opium. He thought the other organs might have disclosed the presence in the whole body of a total of one grain of morphine.  
Dr. Carter recalled, said that a grain might be fatal. He was now of opinion that death was due to opium poisoning.

Mr. Parker, in summing up, said that it was for the jury to say whether Robinson took the laudanum suicidally or to relieve pain and induce sleep.  
"I should be rather inclined," he said, "to come to the conclusion that the laudanum was taken to relieve pain and procure sleep."  
"I do not know whether the matter will end in this court, but I do not think either you or I have to express any opinion or to commend or censure Dr. Simpson's opinions. The evidence would not justify you in finding any verdict of manslaughter or in censuring this doctor for not taking remedial measures when he came to the conclusion that his patient was suffering from poisoning."

#### Too Late to Remedy.

"You have heard Dr. Simpson's own explanation—that he thought it was too late for remedial measures and that his patient wanted to die. He may be criticised in other quarters for not having made a more detailed examination and for not having used the stomach pump and other restorative measures. But I do not think that is a question for you or me, apart from criminal negligence, and I am not leaving that question to you because I do not think the evidence would warrant you in finding any verdict of criminal negligence."  
The jury found that death was due to opium poisoning resulting from an overdose of laudanum taken to relieve pain and bring sleep.

## ASKING QUESTIONS.

### LORD CHIEF JUSTICE IN NEW ROLE.

In a speech at Manchester the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Hewart, raised some interesting questions. "I have never connived," Lord Hewart said, "and I will never connive at any heresy which involves the proposition that a Chief Justice of England, summoned as he is to the House of Lords, is merely to vote but to advise, is condemned to a lifelong and compulsory silence upon the affairs and the interests of the State. . . . No, a Chief Justice, whatever his privations may be, is not relegated on all occasions to an austere and penitential silence."

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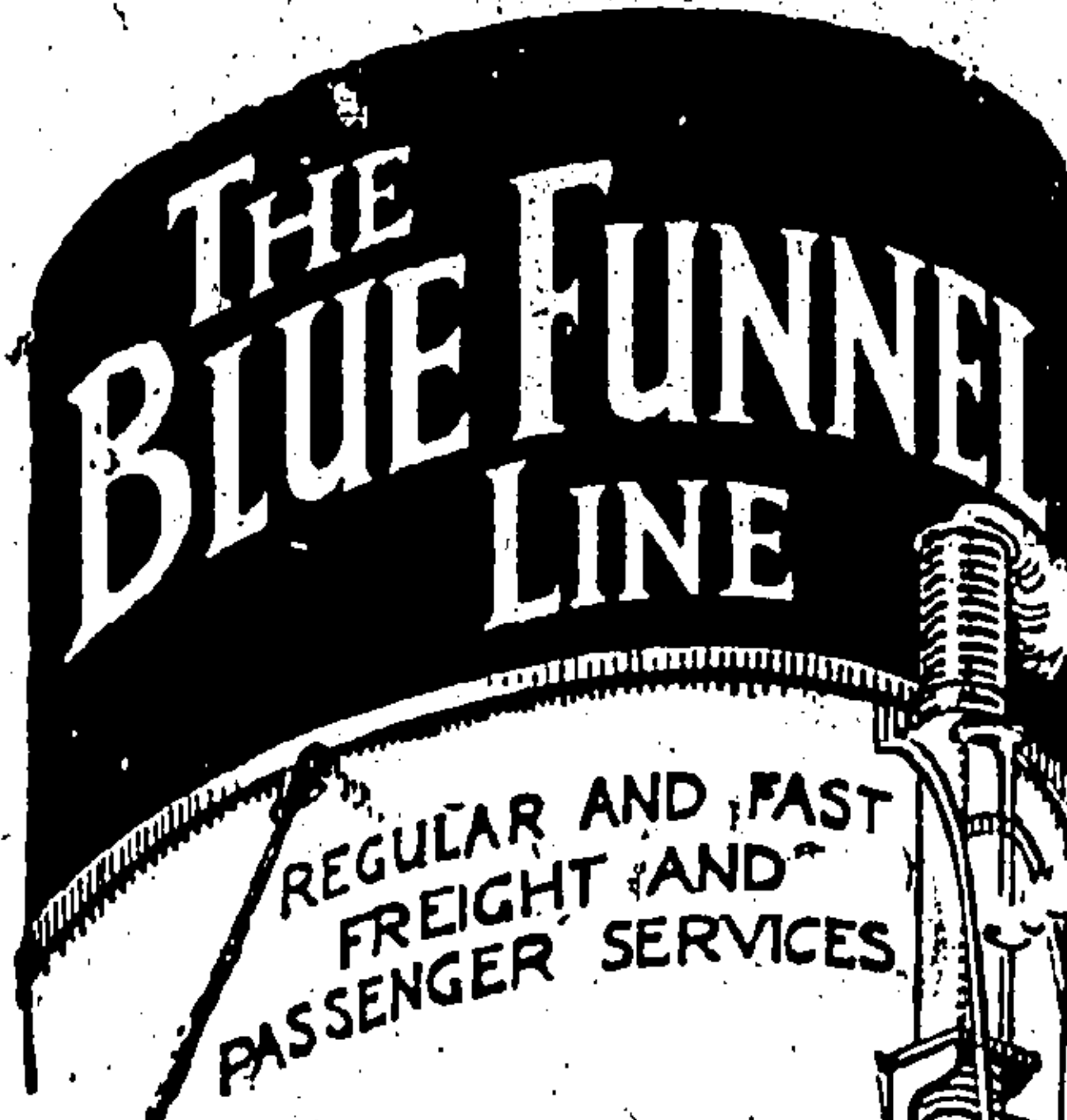
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| For                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Per          | THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Shanghai & Europe via Siberia                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Linan        | 3.30 p.m.            |
| Straits                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Gleniffer    | 4.30 p.m.            |
| Fort Bayard                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Wing Wo      | 4.30 p.m.            |
| Samshui & Wuchow                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Kong Ning    | 4.30 p.m.            |
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| 11th Feb. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters (27th Jan.) 3.30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                          |              |                      |
| FRIDAY, JANUARY 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                      |
| Swatow, Amoy & Foochow                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Hal Ning     | 1 p.m.               |
| Haiphong                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Tonkin       | 1.30 p.m.            |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th Feb. G.P.O.—Registration 28th Jan. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. K.P.O.—Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters (28th Jan.) 9 a.m. |              |                      |
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| SATURDAY, JANUARY 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |                      |
| Sandakan                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |                      |
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| Amoy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Anking       | 5 p.m.               |
| Hollow, Pakhoi & Haiphong                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Nanning      | 5 p.m.               |
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## ARMS SCANDAL.

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### OFFICIAL CONTENTION.

The Ministry Supporting Police  
Enquiries.

Berlin, Yesterday.  
In the Reichstag, Herr Stresemann, a Communist who questioned Dr. Stresemann on the shipment of arms to China, said he considered Dr. Stresemann's denial was unsound. He said that the Navy Department itself might not have been directly concerned, but the names of officers belonging to the Department had been published in the Press as implicated in the affair.

Dr. Stresemann replied that he was of opinion that the Navy Department's denial meant that no individual member of its staff was involved.

According to the "Tageblatt" the Ministry of Defence contends that the name of the transport section was apparently misused by private firms for business purposes, and the Ministry is supporting Police enquiries to the utmost.

The "Tageblatt" is not satisfied with the explanation and repeats the names of two officials who, it alleges, are involved and suggests proceedings against them.—Reuter.

## AFRICAN RAILWAYS.

### ORDER FOR A BIRMINGHAM FIRM.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
A Birmingham firm has obtained a contract for fifty coaches for the South African Railways to cost £170,000. It is understood that the tender was successful on its merits only.

There was keen competition from Continental firms, including Belgian and German manufacturers, but the British tender, while not the lowest, was considered to be technically most favourable.—British Wireless Service.

## NORWAY'S CABINET.

### LABOURITE ACCEPTS THE PREMIERSHIP.

Oslo, Yesterday.  
Mr. Hornsruud, a Labourite farmer, has accepted the Premiership, and Mr. Edward Bull, Professor of History, has accepted the portfolio of Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

## U. S. SHIPPING.

### RECONDITIONING OF TEN VESSELS.

Washington, Yesterday.  
The House of Representatives have voted an increase to the annual Shipping Board appropriations of from \$12,000,000 to \$13,400,000 in order to finance the reconditioning of ten vessels for use in the export of coal trade.—Reuter's American Service.

## COASTAL OFFICERS.

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Captain W. L. Thomas of the "Ningpo" is on reserve.  
Captain J. D. Whyte, from reserve, has gone master, "Ningpo."  
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Captain A. H. Bathurst, of the "Shengking," is on reserve.  
Captain W. Noon, from reserve, has gone master, "Nanning."  
Captain W. Palmer-Baker, of the "Ting-sang," is on Home leave.  
Captain S. Findleson, from Home leave, has gone master, "Ting-sang."

Mr. E. J. A. Porter, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Ting-sang."  
Mr. E. L. Merritt, chief officer, "Ting-sang," is on Home leave.  
Mr. T. Hughes, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, "Fooshing."  
Mr. T. Matcoim, sup's second engineer, "Chakang," is on reserve.  
Mr. J. Fry, sup's second engineer, "Chakang," is on reserve.  
Captain J. C. Dally, from Home leave, has gone master, "Fukwang."  
Captain F. Le Bouthillier, of the "Fukwang," has gone master, "Hakwang."

—Shipping & Engineering.

## AIR RECORD.

Attempt By British  
In March.

### PILOT NOT SELECTED.

Super-Marine Seaplane To Be  
Used.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
It is learned that the Air Ministry has decided to make an attempt at Calshot in March on the world air speed record, at present held by the Italian pilot, Major Di Bernardi.

The machine used will be a super-marine Napier seaplane of the type used in the Schneider Trophy race, but the pilot has not yet been selected.—British Wireless Service.

## CANTON OFFICIALS.

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### Question of Dignity.

Mr. Potter said that what he objected to was non-appearance of the requisition which had nothing to do with diplomatic channels and could have come down within 24 hours. He again submitted that unless the Court made a stand vis-a-vis the Canton Government in this case, its dignity was gone.

Mr. Lindsell said that Mr. Sheldon had no right to expect an undertaking from the fugitive's Counsel that they would waive any objection to irregularity of procedure before he opened his case. That was a matter that would be open for argument later. After further argument, his Worship decided to allow Mr. Sheldon to open the case pending the arrival of the requisition.

### Eleven Charges.

Proceeding to open his case, Mr. Sheldon said that the fugitive was wanted on eleven charges of larceny of money from the Central Bank of Canton which is known as the Treasury of the Government of Kwangtung. After enumerating the charges, Mr. Sheldon said that the Bank was founded in 1924 by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and the first Governor of the bank was Mr. T. V. Soong. When Soong eventually left Canton, Wong Lung-sang became the acting Governor until December 4. On December 5, Cho Min-tso who was appointed Commissioner of the Financial Department by Commander Li Chai-sum, was made Governor of the bank, by three men, Chong Fat-fung, Wong Kee-cheong and Chan Kung-poh, leaders of the faction called the Ironsides which purported to be in authority from December 4 to December 28.

On December 28 Cho resigned the governorship of the bank and on the same date the fugitive was appointed in his place, and on the evening of December 28 the fugitive left Canton and arrived in Hong Kong with the discharged man (Chiu) who had been appointed by the fugitive on the staff of the bank.

### Amounts Withdrawn.

Mr. Sheldon then proceeded to outline various sums drawn from the bank on the fugitive's orders \$10,000 on December 27 and on December 28, which was a busy day at the bank, other sums were drawn under the direction of the fugitive. \$830,000 in coins was paid out of the bank's reserve and taken to Shamen.

### For Chiang Kai-shek.

That same day the fugitive gave orders for buying \$200,000 in Hong Kong notes to be remitted to Chiang Kai-shek. Only \$10,000 in Hong Kong money could be secured, however, and when this was reported to the fugitive, he gave order for \$500,000 in silver to be taken to Shamen to get a loan against it. The cashier of the bank also received an order from the fugitive to pay \$700,000 in silver for the purchase of a remittance to Chiang Kai-shek. All these documents were signed, and chopped by the fugitive. At 5 p.m. the same day the cashier received a further order to pay \$171,800 as bonus for the members of the staff, and another to pay salaries in advance. These were both supported by vouchers made by the fugitive. Some of the

## TRADE BOOM.

Another Glowing  
Prophecy.

### FAVOURABLE BALANCE.

More Success Against Foreign  
Competitors.

London, Yesterday.  
A glowing trade prophecy was made by Mr. A. M. Samuel in a speech at the Working Chamber of Commerce.

He declared that the industrial activity in the home market was greater than had been seen before. Simultaneously the export industries were meeting with more success against foreign competitors.

He pointed out that the official figures for 1926 showed an adverse balance of twelve million sterling for British overseas trade, but his calculations led to the conclusion that we had a favourable balance last year of 73 millions. The trade barometer shows a steady rise notwithstanding that some basic industries, especially cotton, were doing badly, and he instanced bio-chemical products in which Great Britain now leads the world.—Reuter.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

### BACK FROM SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, with Dame Margaret Lloyd George, and other members of his family, is arriving back in London this evening from his voyage to South America.—British Wireless Service.

## REBEL CHIEF.

### U. S. MARINES OCCUPY STRONGHOLD.

Managua, Yesterday.  
The United States Marines have quietly occupied General Sandino's stronghold on El Chapote Mountain which they bombed on January 16.—Reuter's American Service.

salaries were paid, but no bonus, and it was alleged by the prosecution that the balance of the money was kept by the fugitive.

In addition to the above money the bank also paid out to the order of the fugitive \$30,800 in Hong Kong banknotes and a further \$185,000 in Central Bank notes in payment of money advanced by the Internal Loans Department of the Government.

### The American Bank.

The cashier of the bank would say that he heard the fugitive instruct a man named Chan Fung-ye to take the money to Shamen to try to raise a loan with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on the silver. Failing this the National City Bank of New York was approached but here Chan also was not successful. Eventually 175 cases of coins containing \$4,000 each were taken to the compradore department of the American bank to be kept overnight, and later 83 more cases were taken there making a total of 258 of which all except one contained \$4,000 each. The last box contained only \$2,000. The cashier saw the fugitive talking to the compradore of the American bank, and when later the cashier got into conversation with the compradore, the latter showed him slips which had been given to him by the fugitive. The first related to \$118,238 to be remitted to Hong Kong for Shu Sam of the Bank of East Asia, and the second related to \$712,000 in silver coins which was to go to pay the capital and interest of a loan with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and the balance to be remitted to T. V. Soong at Shanghai.

The shroff of the Central Bank would speak of the removal of the boxes of silver coins first to the National City Bank and thence to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank whilst the compradore of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank would speak about the fugitive asking for a loan of \$500,000 in silver, the fugitive remarking that if he did that he could keep the difference of \$200,000 to pay a salary to the Government for which the compradore's brother was responsible. The case is proceeding.

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